

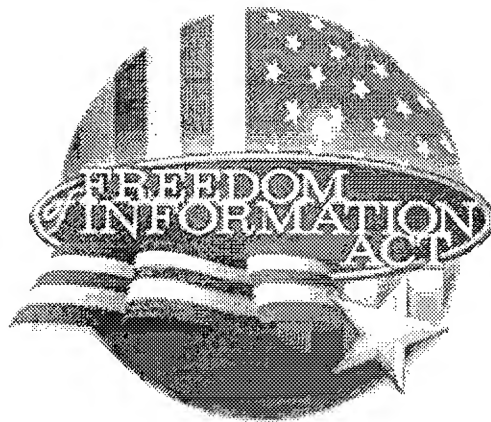
# **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS**

**SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670)  
FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REBUTEL DATED JUNE 30, 1976.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS JAMES KIECKHEFER, WILLIAM WHITE,  
AND JO EPH GROSS ARRIVED LOS ANGELES DIVISION MORNING JULY 12,  
1976 TO REVIEW FILES SET FORTH IN RE BUTEL.

XEROX COPIES OF ALL NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS CONCERNING  
ASSASSINATION HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY AND WILL BE FURNISHED TO  
THE TASK FORCE TEAM.

TASK FORCE ALSO REQUESTED LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO  
LOCATE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE INTERVIEWED DURING  
COURSE OF INVESTIGATION OF ASSASSINATION: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INITIAL INQUIRY BY LOS ANGELES DIVISION SUCCESSFUL  
IN LOCATING ONLY [REDACTED] OTHER WITNESSES HAVE MOVED  
AND LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. FURTHER INQUIRY TO LOCATE  
WITNESSES BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING FURTHER REQUEST BY  
TASK FORCE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF RESULTS OF FILE REVIEW BY  
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TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670)  
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FROM: KANSAS CITY (100-12138) RUC

ATTN: INTD

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

REBUTEL TO KANSAS CITY, ET AL, 6/30/76.

THREE MEMBERS OF DOJ TASK FORCE (OPR) REVIEWED KANSAS CITY FILES ON 7/7-8/76 CONCERNING INVESTIGATIONS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.

THEY TOOK XEROX COPIES OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS FROM MURKIN FILE AND INFORMATION RE INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AS SET FORTH IN LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ET AL 4/20/68, BUFI REC-38861.

MEMBERS DEPARTING KANSAS CITY TODAY BY AIR 4 P.M. FOR SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE THEY HAVE RESERVATIONS AT HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS CAME TO ATTENTION KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

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TO: SAC, OMAHA (100-6862)

1 - Mr. J. O. Ingram

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

1 - Mr. J. T. Aldhizer

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG) HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW IS A TASK FORCE WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS INDICATED THE REVIEW IS TO RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS.

(1) WAS THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF KING'S ASSASSINATION THOROUGH AND HONEST?

(2) IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION?

(3) IS THERE ANY NEW EVIDENCE WHICH HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION?

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THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER DIRECTION OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL J. STANLEY POTTINGER. AFTER THE TASK FORCE COMPLETES STUDY OF ASSASSINATION FILES IN SELECTED FIELD OFFICES, IT WILL CONDUCT EXAMINATION OF OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND ANY SECURITY FILES RELATING TO BASIS FOR THE INVESTIGATION. ALL PERSONNEL ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO PERTINENT FILES AT FBIHQ AND IN THE FIELD. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES, INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMBOL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY. INFORMANT FILES ARE NOT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TASK FORCE WITHOUT PRIOR FBIHQ AUTHORITY.

THE OPR REVIEW BEGAN AT FBIHQ ON MAY 10, 1976, WITH REVIEW OF ASSASSINATION FILES OF FBIHQ AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE PLAN TO REVIEW KING FILES IN THE KANSAS CITY, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES OFFICES BEGINNING JULY 6, 1976. THESE OFFICES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED REGARDING DETAIL OF REVIEW. ONE OF THE MEMBERS, JOSEPH GROSS PLANS TO BE AT HIS HOME IN OMAHA DURING JULY FOURTH WEEK-END AND DESIRES TO REVIEW OMAHA FILES RELATING TO OUR INVESTIGATION OF KING.

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GROSS WILL ARRIVE IN OMAHA DURING THE EVENING OF JULY 2, 1976, AND WILL APPEAR AT OMAHA OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF JULY 3, 1976, TO CONDUCT REVIEW. TASK FORCE PLANS TO REVIEW KING FILES IN ALL FBI OFFICES.

OMAHA ASSIGN. COORDINATOR TO HANDLE LIAISON WITH GROSS AND PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE IN WHICH TO CONDUCT REVIEW. CONFIRM HIS ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AND KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

NOTE:

Omaha was telephonically furnished contents of teletype on 7/2/76. Task Force personnel have been advised address of Omaha office and appropriate FBI personnel to contact. Recipients have been instructed to refer any questions concerning the review to Deputy Assistant Director J. O. Ingram, who is coordinating the review for the Intelligence Division, or SA J. T. Aldhizer.

The Omaha file concerning King's assassination consists of three volumes, 293 serials and a one volume file concerning our security investigation of King consists of 49 serials. It is anticipated the review will be completed 7/3/76 and Gross will remain in Omaha prior to departing to Kansas City on 7/6/76.

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670)  
LOS ANGELES

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO (100-52821)

ATTN: INTD

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL DATED JULY 9, 1976

DOJ TASK FORCE COMPLETED REVIEW THIS DATE WITH NO  
ADDITIONAL REQUESTS. WILL ARRIVE LOS ANGELES OFFICE MONDAY MORNING.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
(Attn: J. S. Peelman)  
1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
1 - Mr. J. O. Ingram  
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FOR INFORMATION OF KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES AND  
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DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 14-24, 1976, THE TASK FORCE REVIEWED KING ASSASSINATION AND SECURITY FILES IN THE MILWAUKEE AND MEMPHIS OFFICES.

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TO CONTINUE ITS REVIEW MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE IDENTIFIED AS JAMES KIECKHEFER, WILLIAM WHITE AND JOSEPH GROSS TENTATIVELY PLAN THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL: DEPART WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY 6, 1976, FOR KANSAS CITY, REMAINING THERE JULY 7-8, 1976; DEPART KANSAS CITY JULY 8, 1976, TO ARRIVE AT SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF JULY 9, 1976; PROBABLY DEPART SAN FRANCISCO JULY 11, 1976, TO ARRIVE AT LOS ANGELES OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF JULY 12, 1976, FOR AN APPROXIMATE FIVE DAY PERIOD BEFORE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

TASK FORCE HAS INDICATED THAT TRAVEL TO KANSAS CITY IS BASED ON LOCATION OF PRISON FROM WHICH JAMES EARL RAY ESCAPED. IN ADDITION TO KING RELATED FILES TASK FORCE DESIRES TO REVIEW KANSAS CITY 157-472, WHICH INVOLVES AN ALLEGATION THAT A KLAN ORGANIZATION OFFERED TO KILL KING.

TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES IS BASED ON AMOUNT OF TIME KING IS KNOWN TO HAVE SPENT ON THE WEST COAST, ACCORDING TO TASK FORCE PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION TO KING RELATED FILES, TASK FORCE DESIRES TO REVIEW LOS ANGELES 157-869, REGARDING A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE KING AND LOS ANGELES 157-651, WHICH CONCERNS A KLAN THREAT ON THE LIFE OF KING. ALSO OF INTEREST IS LOS ANGELES FILE 100-24345, SECTION C, CAPTIONED "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - NEGRO QUESTION," CONCERNING ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF KING. IN SAN FRANCISCO, OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS 100-51914, CAPTIONED "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - NEGRO QUESTION," WHICH PERTAIN TO THE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF KING IN HAWAII AND SACRAMENTO.

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SACS, KANSAS CITY, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES ASSIGN COORDINATOR TO HANDLE LIAISON WITH TASK FORCE PERSONNEL AND PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE IN WHICH TO CONDUCT REVIEW. CONFIRM ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TASK FORCE PERSONNEL AND KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

FOR INFORMATION OF MEMPHIS, TASK FORCE LEADER FRED G. FOLSOM AND JAMES WALKER PLAN TO RETURN TO MEMPHIS ON JULY 6, 1976. THEIR PLANS ARE TO REVIEW EVIDENCE IN THE ASSASSINATION CASE AND POSSIBLY CONDUCT INTERVIEWS WHICH MAY INCLUDE BOB JENSEN, FORMER SAC OF THE MEMPHIS OFFICE, TWO FORMER ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS AND JAMES EARL RAY. THERE IS NO INDICATION AT THIS TIME FBI EMPLOYEES ARE TO BE INTERVIEWED. MEMPHIS CONFIRM ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TASK FORCE PERSONNEL AND KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF ALL SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

NOTE:

Recipients have been telephonically furnished contents of teletype on 6/30/76. Task Force personnel have been advised of Bureau Office addresses in cities to be visited and appropriate FBI personnel to contact. Recipients have been instructed to refer any questions concerning the review to Deputy Assistant Director J. O. Ingram, who is coordinating the review for the Intelligence Division, or SA J. T. Aldhizer.

1 - Mr. Callahan  
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1 - Mr. Adams  
1 - Mr. Mintz  
1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - Mr. Leavitt  
1 - Mr. Ingram  
1 - Mr. Deegan  
1 - Mr. Aldhizer

Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/23/76

Attached advises that the Department Task Force, Office of Professional Responsibility has completed its review of Martin Luther King assassination files in Memphis. The Task Force is also reviewing Memphis files pertaining to the Sanitation Workers Strike and the Invaders, a Memphis youth gang, both files relating to violence occurring in Memphis during time of assassination.

In addition the Task Force has requested and received Memphis files on our intelligence investigation of King.

Review of all above files are in accordance with Attorney General's instructions pertaining to the review.

Task Force is expected to depart Memphis about 6/24/76 for return to Washington, D. C.

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6:10PM NITEL JUNE 22, 1976 RJH

TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: MEMPHIS (66-2189) (P)

ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

REVIEW OF FBI INVESTIGATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE HAS THIS DATE  
CONCLUDED ITS REVIEW OF MURKIN FILES (44-1987) AND HAS  
CONCLUDED A REVIEW OF MEMPHIS FILE 157-1092, PERTAINING  
TO THE SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE AT MEMPHIS, TENN.,  
WHICH OCCURRED JUST PRIOR TO KING'S MURDER.

TASK FORCE HAS NOW REQUESTED FILES ON THE INVADERS  
(157-1067) AND ON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (100-4105).  
UACB, THESE FILES ARE BEING TURNED OVER TO THE TASK  
FORCE FOR REVIEW.

MEMPHIS HAS ALSO MADE XEROX COPIES OF ALL PRESS  
CLIPPINGS MAINTAINED IN THE MURKIN CASE AND WILL TURN  
THESE OVER TO THE TASK FORCE WHO ARE EXPECTED TO DEPART  
MEMPHIS ON OR ABOUT THURSDAY NEXT.  
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3:39PM URGENT JUNE 14, 1976 TELETYPE

TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670)

MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

RE ENTEL JUNE 11, 1976.

JAMES KIECKHEFER, MEMBER OF DEPT. OF JUSTICE TASK FORCE, ARRIVED MILWAUKEE OFFICE FBI 8:15 AM, JUNE 14, 1976, AND INITIATED A REVIEW OF MILWAUKEE FILE 44-388. HE COMPLETED THE AUDIT AT 2:50 PM AND IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR MEMPHIS 7 PM TODAY.

HE ADVISED THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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FOR INFO OF BUREAU, KIECKHEFER IS A FORMER RESIDENT OF MILWAUKEE AND HAS IMMEDIATE RELATIVES CURRENTLY RESIDING IN THE METROPOLITAN MILWAUKEE AREA. EX-116

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. T. W. Leavitt

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JD*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
(Attn: J.S. Peelman)  
1 - Records Management  
Division  
DATE: 6/3/76  
1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
1 - Mr. J. O. Ingram  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan  
1 - Mr. J. T. Aldhizer

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**PURPOSE:** To advise of arrangements for review of WFO King assassination files by the Department Task Force of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), which is completing its review of King's assassination files at FBIHQ.

**SYNOPSIS:** The Department Task Force of the OPR is conducting a review of our investigation of King, starting with a review of FBIHQ files pertaining to the assassination. The Task Force is completing its review of these files and desires to review WFO files concerning the assassination, beginning 6/7/76. Through contact between Deputy Assistant Director J. O. Ingram, Intelligence Division, and SAC Nick F. Stames of WFO arrangements have been made to transport WFO files under guard from WFO to room 4171 of the J. E. H. Building where the Task Force has been working since 5/10/76. This is desirable for the Task Force and SAC Stames who indicated WFO lacks monitoring personnel and space for the review at WFO. The WFO assassination files consist of nine main volumes, 799 serials and five volumes of the sub C file (51 items).

**RECOMMENDATION:** None. For information.

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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DETAILS: You have been previously advised that since 5/10/76 the Department Task Force of the OPR is reviewing our investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr. The group has been working in room 4171 of J. E. H. Building and this week will complete review of all FBIHQ files pertaining to the assassination (44-38861). It is noted that the Task Force has been authorized access to all raw files in our investigation of King.

Mr. Fred G. Folsom, Jr., Task Force leader advised the group will be ready to review the WFO files on 6/7/76. He stated it would be convenient for his group if the files could be delivered from WFO to the Task Force's room in the J. E. H. Building.

Deputy Assistant Director J. O. Ingram of the Intelligence Division recently met with SAC Nick F. Stames of WFO. Stames advised WFO at the present time lacks monitoring personnel and space for the OPR review to take place at WFO. It was agreed WFO files would be transported under guard from WFO to room 4171 of the J. E. H. Building for review by the Task Force beginning 6/7/76. Mr. Ingram will continue to coordinate this matter with SAC Stames.

According to a previous file inventory concerning the King case the assassination files at WFO consist of nine volumes of the main file (799 serials) and five volumes of the sub C file (51 items) including photographs of subject, fingerprints and palmprints of subjects wanted flyers, interview logs and other material relating to the investigation.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

FOR INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
HAS ORDERED A REVIEW OF THE FBI'S INVESTIGATION OF MARTIN  
LUTHER KING. ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW IS A TASK FORCE  
WORKING UNDER DIRECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPON-  
SIBILITY (OPR) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL HAS INDICATED THE REVIEW IS TO RESOLVE THE FOLLOWING  
FOUR QUESTIONS.

(1.) WAS THE FBI INVESTIGATION OF KING'S ASSASSINATION  
THOROUGH AND HONEST?

(2.) IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THE FBI WAS INVOLVED IN THE  
ASSASSINATION?

(3.) IS THERE ANY NEW EVIDENCE WHICH HAS COME TO THE  
ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION?

(4.) DOES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BUREAU AND KING  
CALL FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS OR  
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THIS REVIEW IS A CONTINUATION OF A "PARTIAL REVIEW" RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT UNDER DIRECTION OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL J. STANLEY POTTINGER. AFTER THE TASK FORCE COMPLETES STUDY OF ASSASSINATION FILES IN SELECTED FIELD OFFICES, IT WILL CONDUCT EXAMINATION OF OUR INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION OF KING AND ANY SECURITY FILES RELATING TO BASIS FOR THE INVESTIGATION. ALL PERSONNEL ON THE TASK FORCE ARE AUTHORIZED TOTAL ACCESS TO PERTINENT FILES AT FBIHQ AND IN THE FIELD. THIS WILL INCLUDE COVER PAGES OF COMMUNICATIONS CONTAINING IDENTITIES OF SOME FBI SOURCES, INFORMANTS WHO WERE NOT AFFORDED SYMOBL NUMBERS AT THAT TIME AND INDIVIDUALS WHO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED CONFIDENTIALITY. INFORMANT FILES ARE NOT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE TASK FORCE WITHOUT PRIOR FBIHQ AUTHORITY.

THE OPR REVIEW BEGAN AT FBIHQ ON MAY 10, 1976, WITH REVIEW OF ASSASSINATION FILES OF FBIHQ AND WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

THE TASK FORCE NOW DESIRES TO REVIEW KING ASSASSINATION FILES IN THE MEMPHIS AND MILWAUKEE OFFICES BEGINNING JUNE 14, 1976. THE FOLLOWING TASK FORCE PERSONNEL ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MEMPHIS ON JUNE 14, 1976:

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FRED G. FOLSOM, TASK FORCE LEADER; JAMES WALKER; WILLIAM WHITE; JOSEPH GROSS AND POSSIBLY MS. HOPE BYRNE. ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE REVIEW IN MEMPHIS IS TWO WEEKS. FOLSOM HAS INDICATED THAT THE ONLY FILES HE ANTICIPATES REVIEWING IN MEMPHIS IS THE KING ASSASSINATION FILE (MEMPHIS 44-1987) AND POSSIBLY FILE CAPTIONED "SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE; RACIAL MATTER" (MEMPHIS FILE 157-1092).

THE SIXTH MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE, JAMES KIECKHEFER, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, JUNE 14, 1976, TO REVIEW ALL VOLUMES OF MILWAUKEE ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION (44-388). SUBSEQUENTLY HE WILL JOIN THE REST OF HIS GROUP IN MEMPHIS. FOLSOM GAVE NO REASON FOR REVIEWING MILWAUKEE FILES OTHER THAN THE FACT KIECKHEFER IS TO BE IN MILWAUKEE ANYWAY AND WHILE THERE COULD CONDUCT REVIEW.

SAC, MEMPHIS AND MILWAUKEE ASSIGN COORDINATOR TO HANDLE LIAISON WITH TASK FORCE PERSONNEL AND PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE IN WHICH TO CONDUCT REVIEW. CONFIRM ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TASK FORCE PERSONNEL AND KEEP FBIHQ ADVISED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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NOTE:

Memphis and Milwaukee, through ASACs R. H. Blay and R. Hill, respectively, were telephonically furnished contents of teletype on 6/9/76.

The assassination file in Memphis consists of 7 main volumes and 17 sub files of approximately 110 volumes. The Milwaukee assassination file consists of 5 volumes.

Task force leader Folsom has been advised of Bureau office addresses in Memphis and Milwaukee and that upon arrival his personnel should contact respective SACs. Both offices have been instructed to refer any questions concerning the review to Deputy Assistant Director J. O. Ingram, who is coordinating the review for the Intelligence Division, or SA J. T. Aldhizer.

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Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

June 9, 1976

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1 - Mr. Mintz

**REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO MATERIALS  
RELATING TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Your memorandum to me dated June 3, 1976, concerning captioned matter requested my advice and written views on the legal implications that would attend granting any of the three broad requests made by the attorneys for the King family.

Granting access to the materials and files as requested would afford the attorneys an advantage not granted others pursuant to the FOI and Privacy Acts and the Department regulations pursuant to those acts. Special considerations are involved due to the notoriety of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the published allegations concerning him and the FBI. However, others may feel equally entitled to similar treatment if unusual access is granted in this instance, and they may call for a discretionary release by the Attorney General in other cases. The backlog of FOI and Privacy Acts requests would be further complicated by creating new categories of expeditious file review.

The May 27, 1976, decision of the court in Eldridge Cleaver, et al., v. Clarence M. Kelley, et al., Civil Action 76-0785, (U.S.D.C., D.C.), supported the FBI practice of serving all FOI - Privacy Acts requests equitably by responding according to the date of receipt. Judge Green's opinion is a significant development in the law which we would not like undercut by a policy of preferential handling of requests out of the order in which they were received. An FOI - Privacy Acts request

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by the King family attorneys would face some delay due to the existing procedures, but the material could be made available subject to the statutory exemptions. Disclosure beyond that required by the statutes would be of doubtful propriety in this matter because there remain serious questions of personal privacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., even though he is deceased. Moreover, broad disclosure does not seem to be necessary to private counsel in view of the in-depth study of this matter made by the Church Committee followed by their public report.

The question of private counsel participation in the Department and FBI review of Dr. King's assassination, the Bureau's investigation of that assassination, and the Bureau's alleged program of harassment against Dr. King being undertaken by your office at the express order of the Attorney General should require little discussion. It does not seem to me to be in the interest of justice to have private attorneys for those who may have a stake in the matter participate in reviews undertaken by the Department or by the FBI.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

JUN 3 1976

TO: John A. Mintz, Assistant Director  
Legal Counsel Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mary C. Lawton  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

*Mike*  
FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
~~Office of Professional Responsibility~~

Attorneys representing both Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the estate of the late Dr. King have requested the Department to permit them 1) access to all materials provided to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence relating to Dr. King, and/or 2) access to all Department and FBI files relating to Dr. King and 3) the right to participate in the full Department and Bureau review of Dr. King's assassination, the Bureau's investigation of that assassination, and the Bureau's program of harassment against Dr. King presently being undertaken by this Office at the express order of the Attorney General.

The Attorney General has requested that this Office invite your advice and written views on the legal implications that would attend granting any of the three broad requests made by the Attorneys for the King family.

Please forward your views to this Office by early next week so we may transmit them to the Attorney General for his review and subsequent discussion.

cc: Jack Fuller

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. T. W. Leavitt

FROM : J. G. Deegan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
(Attn: J. S. Peelman)

DATE: 5/21/76

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**PURPOSE:** To advise the degree of access to our files given the Department Task Force of the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) which is assigned to review our past investigations relating to Martin Luther King, Jr.

**SYNOPSIS:** Correspondence from the Department indicates that the current review of our King investigations by the OPR Task Force is a continuation of the "partial review" recently concluded by the Civil Rights Division of the Department under the direction of Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger. Therefore, in absence of any information to the contrary received from the Department to date, personnel conducting the OPR review will have the same access to our files that was afforded the Pottinger review group. Under instructions from the Attorney General the Pottinger group was allowed to review raw files pertaining to King, his family, relatives, friends, associates and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) as well as files relating to COINTELPRO actions, electronic surveillance, all intelligence files and our complete file on investigation of the assassination of King.

Informant files will not be made available for review. It should be noted that current review by the OPR Task Force will include cover pages of communications containing identities of some Bureau confidential sources and informants who were not afforded symbol numbers at that time and individuals who expressed or implied confidentiality. [This review commenced 5/10/76 in Room 4171 of the JEH Building with review of our files pertaining to King's assassination.]

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

RECOMMENDATION: For information.

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DETAILS: The Attorney General has instructed the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) of the Department to conduct a review of our past investigations relating to Martin Luther King, Jr. By letter dated 5/10/76, Michael E. Shaheen, Counsel of the OPR, defined the areas of concern in the review which will include perusal of all King related records in the Department, at FBIHQ and in Bureau field offices. The review must be completed "forthwith" and is to answer the following four questions: (1) Was the FBI's investigation of King's assassination thorough and honest? (2) Is there any evidence the FBI was involved in the assassination? (3) Is there any new evidence which has come to the attention of the Department concerning the assassination? (4) Does the relationship between the Bureau and King call for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings or other appropriate action?

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

DETAILS CONTINUED:

Attached to the above mentioned letter was a copy of a letter to Shaheen from the Attorney General dated 4/26/76, outlining the previous review of the King matter by the Civil Rights Division and the basis on which the Attorney General decided to order a more complete review. In this letter the Attorney General indicated that the OPR review is a continuation of the "partial review" completed by the Civil Rights Division under direction of Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger.

Since correspondence to date from the OPR has not dealt specifically with file access by the OPR Task Force, it is concluded that personnel conducting the OPR review will have the same access to our files that was authorized at the outset of the Pottinger review.

The material/files desired by the Civil Rights Division in its review were set forth in a letter from Pottinger to the Director dated 12/4/75. In this letter Pottinger indicated the Attorney General had instructed his Division to review all actions taken by the FBI against King. Requested were all materials concerning King that were provided to the Senate and House Select Committees on Intelligence; all COINTELPRO proposals, actions and results of actions; all requests, approvals and results, including tapes, transcripts and logs of electronic surveillances; all intelligence files; and our complete file on the investigation of the assassination of King. This letter further stated that the Civil Rights Division was interested "in reviewing every single item in your files which relates in any way to Dr. King, his family, friends, associates or SCLC." It is further noted that the Attorney General (letter dated 12/12/75) authorized Pottinger personal access to tapes, transcripts of tapes and other sensitive information concerning King and his case file.

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
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It is noted that the above outlined access will allow the OPR to review all raw files in our investigation of King. Included will be cover pages of documents containing the identities of some confidential sources and potential informants who were not concealed by symbol numbers according to our policy at the time. Cover pages will also contain identities of individuals who have furnished information to us on an expressed or implied basis of confidentiality. This review commenced 5/10/76, in Room 4171 of the J&H Building under the direction of Task Force leader Fred G. Folsom. The Task Force began reviewing files relating to our investigation of King's assassination.

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TO : Mr. T. W. Leavitt

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JGD*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
( n: J. S. Peelman)  
DATE: 5/11/76

1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
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PURPOSE:

To provide information concerning a meeting held 5/6/76 to introduce FBI officials to Department Task Force charged with responsibility to review our past investigations relating to Martin Luther King, Jr.

SYNOPSIS:

The Task Force designated by the Office of Professional Responsibility of the Department to review our investigation of King was introduced to FBI officials during a meeting at FBIHQ on 5/6/76. At this meeting, Task Force personnel were briefed on the scope of a previous inquiry of our King investigation by the Civil Rights Division of the Department and on our files and communications system relative to their review. The Department Task Force review will encompass the security investigation of King and our investigation into his assassination. Space for Task Force personnel is being provided in Room 4171 of the JEH Building and their review commenced on the afternoon of 5/10/76.

RECOMMENDATION:

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DETAILS:

Under the direction of the Office of Professional Responsibility, Department of Justice, a Task Force has been assigned to review our previous investigation relating to Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 5/6/76, a meeting was held to introduce the Department Task Force to FBI officials. Meeting was held between 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Intelligence Division Conference Room. Those attending from the Department were \*Fred G. Folsom, Jr., Ms. Hope Byrne, William White, Joseph Gross, James Walker, James Kieckhefer and Ray Hornblower. FBI representatives were J. S. Peelman and Hal Helterhoff of the General Investigative Division and T. W. Leavitt, J. O. Ingram, J. G. Deegan, [REDACTED] P. E. Nugent and J. T. Aldhizer of the Intelligence Division. b7(c)

After introductions, Mr. Leavitt pledged total FBI cooperation with the Task Force and its review. There followed a briefing by [REDACTED] on a previous review of the King matter by the Civil Rights Division of the Department. [REDACTED] then outlined the scope of the files to be reviewed and the filing and serialization system at FBIHQ. Mr. Deegan discussed FBI communications and field office files, emphasizing that the field has some material which is not furnished FBIHQ and is, therefore, not contained in our files at HQ.

Mr. Folsom stated that the Task Force review would begin with FBIHQ files. The review would use as a departure point the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and work in two directions, forward through the investigation

\*Task Force leader

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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of the assassination, and backward through our security investigation of King. Folsom requested office space for his Task Force personnel.

The Task Force has been provided Intelligence Division space in Room 4171 of the JEH Building. Their review commenced on the afternoon of 5/10/76. JCF

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# Memorandum

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FROM : J. G. Deegan *JGD*

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**PURPOSE:** To advise of request from Department for information as to what we have furnished the Senate Select Committee (SSC) re subject King.

**DETAILS:** Department letter 4/14/76 related Attorney General (AG) request for list of all documents we have furnished SSC re our investigation of King. AG has been approached by attorneys for King estate re possibility of destroying some of our material. Request immediately discussed by [REDACTED] with Steven Blackhurst, Assistant Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination, to clarify and set parameters of what is desired. Blackhurst at loss to understand what value list of documents would be; asked that we hold request in abeyance so he could inquire within the Department. Blackhurst subsequently advised he had checked with Jack Fuller, Special Assistant to the AG, who apparently is coordinating this matter and that Department desires to appreciably modify request, for which [REDACTED] requested a modifying letter. Department letter 4/15/76 now asks that original request be modified and we furnish: approximation numbers of documents and pages of documents furnished SSC; general description of material furnished and description of material not furnished to SSC. Interestingly most salacious material re King in our files has not been furnished to SSC. We are initiating necessary action to promptly reply with the AG's request.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None. For information.

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Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

June 9, 1976

Assistant Director - Legal Counsel  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO MATERIALS  
RELATING TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

① - Mr. Leavitt  
1 - Mr. Decker  
1 - Mr. Mogen  
1 - Mr. Bassett  
1 - Mr. Mintz

Your memorandum to me dated June 3, 1976, concerning captioned matter requested my advice and written views on the legal implications that would attend granting any of the three broad requests made by the attorneys for the King family.

Granting access to the materials and files as requested would afford the attorneys an advantage not granted others pursuant to the FOI and Privacy Acts and the Department regulations pursuant to those acts. Special considerations are involved due to the notoriety of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the published allegations concerning him and the FBI. However, others may feel equally entitled to similar treatment if unusual access is granted in this instance, and they may call for a discretionary release by the Attorney General in other cases. The backlog of FOI and Privacy Acts requests would be further complicated by creating new categories of expeditious file review.

The May 27, 1976, decision of the court in Eldridge Cleaver, et al., v. Clarence M. Kelley, et al., Civil Action 76-0795, (U.S.D.C., D.C.), supported the FBI practice of serving all FOI - Privacy Acts requests equitably by responding according to the date of receipt. Judge Green's opinion is a significant development in the law which we would not like undercut by a policy of preferential handling of requests out of the order in which they were received. An FOI - Privacy Acts request

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**Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.**

by the King family attorneys would face some delay due to the existing procedures, but the material could be made available subject to the statutory exemptions. Disclosure beyond that required by the statutes would be of doubtful propriety in this matter because there remain serious questions of personal privacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., even though he is deceased. Moreover, broad disclosure does not seem to be necessary to private counsel in view of the in-depth study of this matter made by the Church Committee followed by their public report.

The question of private counsel participation in the Department and FBI review of Dr. King's assassination, the Bureau's investigation of that assassination, and the Bureau's alleged program of harassment against Dr. King being undertaken by your office at the express order of the Attorney General should require little discussion. It does not seem to me to be in the interest of justice to have private attorneys for those who may have a stake in the matter participate in reviews undertaken by the Department or by the FBI.

JUN 3 1976

TO: John A. Mintz, Assistant Director  
Legal Counsel Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mary C. Lawton  
Deputy Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

*Mike* FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

Attorneys representing both Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the estate of the late Dr. King have requested the Department to permit them 1) access to all materials provided to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence relating to Dr. King, and/or 2) access to all Department and FBI files relating to Dr. King and 3) the right to participate in the full Department and Bureau review of Dr. King's assassination, the Bureau's investigation of that assassination, and the Bureau's program of harassment against Dr. King presently being undertaken by this Office at the express order of the Attorney General.

The Attorney General has requested that this Office invite your advice and written views on the legal implications that would attend granting any of the three broad requests made by the Attorneys for the King family.

Please forward your views to this Office by early next week so we may transmit them to the Attorney General for his review and subsequent discussion.

cc: Jack Fuller

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TO: James Ingram  
Deputy Assistant Director  
Intelligence Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel  
Office of Professional Responsibility

SUBJECT: Martin Luther King Review

Pursuant to our meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 1976, and your telephone call of today, May 10, 1976, I am forwarding this memorandum with attachments for your information and records.

As you know, the Attorney General has directed this Office to complete the review of all records in the Department, at Bureau headquarters, and in Bureau field offices in any way relating to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his assassination, the Bureau's investigation of his death, in light of the Bureau's "systematic" program of harrassment of Dr. King in order to discredit him and harm both him and the movement he led". (See Press Release Attached)

The Attorney General has directed that this review be completed "forthwith" and that my final report to him and Director Kelley provide answers to four specific questions:

- 1) "Whether the FBI investigation of Dr. King's assassination was thorough and honest;
- 2) Whether there is any evidence that the FBI was involved in the assassination of Dr. King;
- 3) Whether, in light of the first two matters, there is any new evidence which has come to the attention of the Department concerning the assassination of Dr. King;

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4) Whether the nature of the relationship between the Bureau and Dr. King calls for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings, or other appropriate action".

I know you share with me the urgent need to guarantee that these four questions be addressed by a searching, systematic, full, complete, and determined review of all documents that bear directly or even remotely on the Bureau's intense interest in and investigation of Dr. King in life as well as at death.

You have met the present members of the Task Force assigned to complete this review, and I have advised you that Fred G. Folsom is the Task Force Leader. You should understand that Mr. Folsom's requests for personnel interviews, access, review, or delivery of documents will be made at all times in my behalf and for the Attorney General. Should you have any difficulties I am always available to assist in their resolution.

As I have orally advised you, the Attorney General, Director Kelley, and I attach the highest priority to the successful completion of this review.

If I can be of further assistance, please advise. I wish to thank you for your help.

cc: Edward H. Levi  
Harold R. Tyler, Jr.  
Clarence M. Kelley  
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- 1 - J. B. Adams
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- 1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

May 3, 1976

The Attorney General

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Reference is made to the letter dated April 15, 1976, from Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination, to Assistant Director John A. Mintz of this Bureau, entitled "List of FBI Documents Pertaining to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which were Delivered to SSC."

Referenced letter modified a letter from Mr. Shaheen dated April 14, 1976, and advised that you desired an approximation of the number of documents and number of pages of documents which were delivered to the Senate Select Committee (SSC) as well as a very general description of the type of material contained in those documents. In addition, you requested a description of the type of material which was not turned over to the SSC.

Set out below, under appropriate headings is the information you desire. An extra copy of this communication is being designated for Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger because of the Civil Rights Division's current interest in the King investigation.

Number of Documents and Number of Pages of Documents Delivered to the SSC

Approximately 1,300 documents totaling approximately 2,900 pages have been delivered to the SSC. These included documents already in FBI Headquarters files and did not include memoranda prepared specifically for the SSC. In arriving at these figures, we reviewed the various requests from the SSC, and our replies thereto, and counted only those documents where King's name was involved in the request.

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We did not include documents relating to some indirectly related requests which did not mention King. Examples of the latter are requests for materials on the March on Washington and analyses, made at FBI Headquarters, concerning communist influence in racial matters.

General Description of Type of Material  
Contained in Documents Furnished

To best portray by a general description the type of material involved, we extracted and are setting out below phrases taken from the numerous SSC requests.

Preparation, dissemination and/or withdrawal of monographs concerning King, but not including the monographs; material concerning dissemination of information and contacts outside the Executive Branch; meeting between King and the FBI; information concerning discrediting or neutralizing King; information concerning electronic surveillances; Cointelpro activities; material reflecting inception of investigations of King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); follow-up material concerning monographs; Official and Confidential (O & C) files; installation, continuation and authorization of electronic surveillances; information concerning photographic surveillances; information concerning meetings between King and Stanley David Levison; preparation of transcripts of tapes and playing of tapes to anyone outside the FBI; material concerning meeting between FBI Director and representatives of "Newsweek." (S)(u)

Also, material relating to FBI investigation of communist infiltration of racial movement bearing on disagreement between J. Edgar Hoover and FBI Domestic Intelligence Division; information concerning Hunter Pitts O'Dell; material concerning King's criticism of FBI; information concerning microphone surveillances of King; information concerning meetings of FBI personnel and others to discuss electronic surveillances of King; tax returns concerning King and SCLC; information concerning possible inclusion of King in the Security Index; material relating to electronic surveillances of associates of King (Levison,

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The Attorney General

O'Dell, Bayard Rustin, Ralph Abernathy, and others); information that a former President and a former Attorney General were aware of microphone surveillance of King; basis for investigation of King. (u)

Also, materials contained in files of W. C. Sullivan concerning King and the SCLC; information concerning conversations between FBI and Department of Justice officials about King and SCLC; meetings between FBI officials and news media representatives concerning King; delivery of letter from Director Hoover to Mr. Moyers of the White House; information concerning Poor People's Campaign and Sanitation Workers Strike; basis for investigation of Levison; consideration for placing Levison on the Security Index; institution and termination of microphone surveillance of Levison. (u)

General Description of Type of Material  
Which Was Not Furnished to SSC

By specific exemption annunciated by the SSC, it was not furnished information believed to be the products or fruits of electronic surveillances of King. Included in this exemption were tapes and transcripts. Also not furnished the SSC were several monographs written containing considerable information about King.

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- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General  
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Special Counsel for  
Intelligence Coordination
- 1 - J. Stanley Pottinger  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division  
Attention: Robert A. Murphy

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The Attorney General

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NOTE:

The original Department letter dated 4/14/76 also advised that the AG has been approached by attorneys for the King estate regarding the possibility of destroying some of these documents and that the information being requested would be helpful to the AG in his consideration of the matter. According to Steve Blackhurst, Assistant to Shaheen, this matter is being coordinated in the Department by Jack Fuller of the AG's office and that the consideration includes possibly sealing material.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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TO: John A. Mintz, Assistant Director  
Legal Counsel Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Special Counsel for Intelligence  
Coordination

SUBJECT: List of FBI Documents Pertaining to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which were Delivered to SSC

This modifies the request in my memorandum to you dated April 14, 1976, captioned as above.

The Attorney General would like an approximation of the number of documents and number of pages of documents which were delivered to the SSC and also a very general description of the type of material contained in those documents.

He would also like a description of the type of material which was not turned over to the SSC.

We would appreciate your prompt compliance with this request.

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cc: Paul Daly

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The Attorney General; copies Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division.

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4/15/76 letter Shaheen to Mintz

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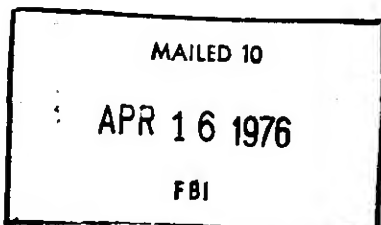
Thank you for your letter of April 2nd, with enclosure, in which you expressed faith in the FBI's integrity.

In reply to your request, this Bureau is not in a position to make available a copy of the anonymous letter allegedly sent to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It has been made available to the Select Committee To Study Governmental Operations With Respect to Intelligence Activities of the United States Senate. It is not known, however, if that Committee intends to make the letter public. You may wish to contact the Senate Committee to explore that possibility.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director



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April 1, 1976

Mr. Howard Flieger, Editor  
U. S. News & World Report  
United States News Building  
2300 K Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20037

Dear Mr. Flieger:

A feature article, CLEANING UP THE FBI, in your publication April 5 is prefaced by a piece entitled: AS CHARLES MOORE ADVISOR THE FBI. As one who has believed in the integrity of J. Edgar Hoover for many, many years, and expressed views publicly on the occasion required (see camp below) and shall continue to do so. Your preface states: "Shortly before he (King) was to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, Mr. King was sent an anonymous letter by the Bureau suggesting suicide."

Here are some questions I am asking you, Mr. Flieger: 1. Have you ever requested a copy of the "anonymous letter" from the FBI? On what do you base the assertion that the Bureau suggested suicide? 2. Do you have a copy of the letter in your possession? 3. Were you ever denied an inspection of the letter by the FBI? 4. Has any representative of Martin Luther King, Jr. produced the original for public inspection to your knowledge? 5. In all of the publicity given to this "letter" or "memorandum for proposed letter" as the case may be, have you ever seen a copy in print, or heard it read on TV or radio? As I recall, I read one paper some time ago, that the letter contained one sentence following: ".....you know what you should do and you have just thirty days in which to do it."

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 30, 1970

Riverbank, California 95367

Dear [REDACTED]

On November 23rd I received your communication and want to thank you for your kind comment. Your support of my administration of the FBI certainly means a great deal to me.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

I believe - to quote Harry & Benard Overstreet in their book THE FBI IN OUR OPEN SOCIETY - that this is another case of "assuming a trustworthiness of correspondence between what the text conveys and what is to be found in his sources...there are more--very many more--discrepancies between what the text implies and what the sources reveal that any reasonable margin of error could accommodate." Until I see a copy of the so-called suicide letter and it causes me to change my mind, I will continue in my belief of this interpretation: THAT THE AUTHOR IS ADVISING MLK, JR. TO REFUSE THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE AND THAT HE HAS ONLY 30 DAYS IN WHICH TO NOTIFY THE PROPER AUTHORITIES. (I certainly am going to request The Director, Mr. Clarence Kelley, to make available a copy of the "letter" for me to read.)

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20008

My dear Mr. Kelley:  
Herewith is a copy of a communication  
I have sent to the Editor of U.S. News & World  
Report.

I hope you will find it of  
interest; and under the circumstances  
find it suitable to grant my request  
that you can find a way for  
me to see a copy of the so-called  
'suicide letter' purportedly sent by  
the Bureau to Martin Luther King, Jr.

May I suggest that a copy be  
sent to your office here in Modesto?  
In which case I could go there and  
read it or <sup>EX-34</sup> Dan Fitzgerald or  
Don Mac could bring it to my  
home.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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TO: John A. Mintz, Assistant Director  
Legal Counsel Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

*MEH*

FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Special Counsel for Intelligence  
Coordination

SUBJECT: List of FBI Documents Pertaining to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which were Delivered to SSC

The Attorney General has requested a list of all documents pertaining to the FBI's investigation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which were delivered to the Senate Select Committee. We would appreciate your preparation of such a list in an expeditious manner. *DA*

The Attorney General has been approached by attorneys for the King estate regarding the possibility of destroying some of these documents and the list of documents will be helpful to his consideration of the matter.

*This request has been  
superseded by Dept Let. 4/15/76*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. T. W. Leavitt *TW/HEH*

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JGD*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. T. J. Jenkins  
1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
(Attn: J.S. Peelman)

1 - Mr. D. W. Moore

DATE: 3/30/76

1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** This memorandum advises of statement by Robert Murphy of Civil Rights Division (CRD) of Department that recent news article concerning Department's study of Martin Luther King, Jr., case was incorrect.

**DETAILS:** Recent memoranda have advised that Department was winding up its study of Bureau files to determine whether investigation of King's assassination should be reopened. An article appeared in "The Washington Post" 3/23/76, attribution to "informed sources," presumably in the Department and indicated possibility CRD would recommend to Attorney General (AG) that a blue-ribbon committee of persons outside the Government be formed to look at all aspects of the case. On 3/29/76, Murphy, who has been the Department's principal reviewer of our files, telephoned [REDACTED] and volunteered that the article in question is incorrect in that no recommendations have yet been made to the AG.

Although Murphy told us on 3/24/76, that he has completed his specific request for documents in our files, on 3/29/76, he asked for additional information and indicated he would continue to make some further requests as he is currently engaged in preparing his summary and recommendations for the AG. Our continued cooperation to him was reiterated and we will continue to service his needs in this respect.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None. For Information.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

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DATE: 3/16/76

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM WARREN BROWN,  
WASHINGTON POST REPORTER

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The purpose of this memorandum is to report that at 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 1976, Dennis Miller of the Office of Congressional Affairs, received a telephone call from a man who identified himself as Warren Brown, a reporter for the Washington Post. Brown stated he had heard a rumor that the Justice Department was going to reopen the investigation of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., and that the FBI would not be asked by the Justice Department to conduct the investigation because of recently disclosed improprieties conducted by the Bureau with respect to Dr. King. Brown asked if Miller knew if the rumor were true.

Miller responded that he did not know if the rumor were true and suggested a comment about decisions to be made by the Department of Justice should come from the Department. Miller suggested Brown contact the Public Information Officer in the Department.

Miller also advised Brown press inquiries in the Bureau generally are handled by the External Affairs Division.

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- 1 - Mr. Moore
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SUBJECT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
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Re HO airtel, 3/1/76.

Following March, 1976, data being submitted in  
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- 1) Manpower: None
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# Memorandum

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FROM : J. G. Deegan *JGD*  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. T. J. Jenkins  
1 - Mr. D. W. Moore

DATE: 3/25/76

1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
(Attn: J. S. Peelman)  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
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**PURPOSE:** To advise of the apparent termination of the Department's study of Bureau files to determine whether investigation of the Martin Luther King, Jr., assassination should be reopened.

**SYNOPSIS:** On 3/24/76 Robert Murphy of the Department requested additional documents to complete the Department's study to determine if our investigation of the assassination of King should be reopened. Indicating he had recently reviewed the Senate Intelligence Committee's draft report on King, Murphy requested documents bearing primarily on our actions to discredit and neutralize King, an area which he will apparently take cognizance of in his summary and recommendations to Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Pottinger, Civil Rights Division (CRD). Murphy indicated his review of additional documents on 3/24/76 would end the Department's study.

**RECOMMENDATION:** None. For information.

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**DETAILS:** You have been previously advised that under the direction of Pottinger, the Department has been reviewing our Headquarters files on King and related matters to study whether or not the investigation of the assassination of King should be reopened. One of the principal reviewers, Robert Murphy, Chief of Criminal Section, CRD, has stated his summary will also take cognizance of FBI actions to discredit King.

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 3/24/76 Murphy advised he had recently reviewed the Senate Intelligence Committee's draft report concerning King and, based upon footnotes in that draft, discovered a number of FBI documents which he desired to review prior to completing his summary. Murphy requested to see approximately 40 documents concerning dissemination of King monographs, dissemination of information outside the Executive Branch of Government, plans to discredit and neutralize King, alleged existence of a foreign bank account of King and documents relating to communist influence in the racial movement.

These documents were made available to Murphy who reviewed same on 3/24/76 and indicated this action would complete the Department's study.

None of the documents requested on 3/24/76 pertained to any aspect of our investigation of King's assassination. Based on the nature of the above documents requested and reviewed by Murphy, it appears knowledge of the Senate Intelligence Committee's report dictated additional review pertaining to our actions to discredit and neutralize King.

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FROM : J. G. Deegan

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**PURPOSE:** This memorandum advises of current Department considerations relating to its review of Bureau files to determine whether investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination should be reopened.

**SYNOPSIS:** Robert Murphy of Department, who is reviewing our King and related files in Department's study to determine if assassination investigation of King should be reopened, advised that he intends to recommend to Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Pottinger that investigation not be reopened; however, Pottinger may disagree and only Pottinger's recommendation will go to Attorney General (AG) for final judgment. In summary being prepared by Murphy, he will also take cognizance of FBI actions to discredit King but has not yet formulated any recommendation pertaining thereto. During discussion with [REDACTED], Murphy sought information relating to following matters, with responses as indicated. [REDACTED] has no personal knowledge of any other person who was the target of as concerted a discrediting effort as was King. Origins of ways and means to discredit King are not generally documented in Bureau files and could have been with anyone from Director Hoover down to case supervisor. Identities of Headquarters (HQ) personnel who participated in King investigation furnished to Murphy who desired to know whether it was Hoover or former Assistant to the Director W. C. Sullivan who was principal motivating force behind King investigation.

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was told [REDACTED] was not knowledgeable as to private conversations between Sullivan and Hoover and Clyde Tolson, but from written record, conversations with Sullivan and general atmosphere in the Intelligence Division at the time, [REDACTED] b7(c)

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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DETAILS: Since early December, 1975, the Department has been studying whether or not to reopen the investigation of the assassination of King and has been reviewing our HQ files on King and related matters. Principal reviewers have been Robert Murphy, Chief of Criminal Section; and James Turner, Deputy AAG, and Stanley Pottinger, AAG, all of the Civil Rights Division (CRD). Murphy has assignment to formulate CRD's recommendations to be made to the AG. After winding up the file reviews on 3/19/76, Murphy asked [REDACTED] for certain additional information and also wanted [REDACTED] to know of certain Department procedures relating to the Department's deliberations in this matter. As you are aware, we have been cooperating fully with the Department in this study. The following summarizes the conversation between Murphy and [REDACTED] b7(c)

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Murphy said that he will prepare a lengthy summary on this matter, including his recommendation which will be that the investigation of King's assassination not be reopened. This will be turned over to Pottinger and his Deputy, Turner, and thus will be subject to change before forwarding to the AG for a final judgment. Only Pottinger's recommendation will go to the AG. In other words, if Pottinger believes the investigation should be reopened, only that recommendation will be sent to the AG and Murphy's recommendation to the contrary will not go forward.

Murphy also intends to take cognizance in his summary to the actions which the FBI took to discredit King and refer to the statement by Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams before a public hearing of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities that there was no legal basis for such actions. [REDACTED] asked Murphy if the study relating to the discrediting of King was included in the mandate which the CRD had received from the AG. Murphy responded that it was not but that he believes he will be expected to comment on this aspect. He said that he had not yet decided what recommendations he might make in this area. b7(c)

Murphy inquired as to whether [REDACTED] knew of any other person of FBI investigation who had been the target of activities to discredit as was King, [REDACTED] told him that, from his personal experience, he could recall no one else to fit such a condition. In giving this reply, [REDACTED] pointed out the very unique position which King held at the time during the 1960's in relation to the civil rights movement and Murphy's attention was also directed to the tenor of the times. b7(c)

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Murphy desired to know with exactly what personnel the various ideas originated which resulted in the actions taken to discredit King. He was told it would be very difficult to determine from the written record the precise originator of the various actions taken and that the ideas could have been from the minds of anyone from Director Hoover on down to the case supervisor or could have been a combination of the ideas of one or more persons. It was pointed out that if a particular action had achieved a desired result it would have, of course, taken no particular imagination to repeat the action under similar circumstances. As an example, it was pointed out that early on, action initiated by the Bureau resulted in King not being given an honorary degree by Marquette University, although he had been considered for same. As a consequence, when the Bureau would learn that some other institution of higher learning was considering giving King a honorary degree, it naturally followed that some steps would be considered, and in some cases efforts actually launched, to attempt to effect the same result as at Marquette.

Murphy desired to know the identities, at HQ only, of the principal personnel involved in the King investigation, the chain of command and where these personnel are now located. He was, of course, already exposed through the files to all of the names furnished to him and desired principally to know how they fit into the scheme of things at the time. Reading from top to bottom, he was furnished the names of Hoover, Associate Director Tolson, Assistant to the Director A. H. Belmont, Assistant Director W. C. Sullivan, Inspector Joseph Sizoo, Section Chief Fred Baumgardner, Number One Man to Baumgardner - Charles D. Brennan, [REDACTED] It was pointed out that a number of others may have assisted or had a hand in some way in the King investigation, but

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not to any appreciable degree. For example [REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] a succession of other  
supervisors handled the case.

Murphy inquired specifically into the role played by Cartha DeLoach and where he fit into the chain of command. It was pointed out that, at the time, DeLoach was Assistant Director of the Crime Records Division and thus was responsible for contacts on the Hill, with the media; and he also maintained a personal liaison with the White House on the Bureau's behalf. Because certain aspects of the King case related to such matters as congressional, media and White House contacts, DeLoach was obviously personally involved. Murphy mentioned the name of John Mohr and wanted to know how he fit into the picture. It was [REDACTED] b7(c)  
recollection that much of DeLoach's work was channeled through Mohr to Tolson and the Director at the time.

Murphy asked whether Sullivan dealt directly with [REDACTED] or whether he always went through the chain of command; that is, through [REDACTED] Section Chief - Baumgardner. It was explained that many times Sullivan dealt directly with [REDACTED] b7(c)  
[REDACTED] a fact which may have contributed. Also, when Sullivan wanted expedite action, it was not unusual for him to deal directly with a supervisor. It was explained to Murphy, however, that in such instances of direct dealing, [REDACTED] made it a point to keep both Baumgardner and Sullivan's Number One Man, Sizoo, advised.

Murphy then desired to know whether it was Sullivan or Hoover who was the principal motivating force behind the King investigation. [REDACTED] b7(c)  
pointed out that he, of course, was not knowledgeable firsthand of the

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private conversations between Sullivan and Hoover or Sullivan and Tolson. For an answer, [REDACTED] would have to rely only on what he could recall was on the record b7(c)

[REDACTED]

So that Murphy could better understand some of the information he had seen in our files, the following was specifically brought to his attention. In the Fall of 1963, a paper dispute arose between Hoover and Sullivan because of the former's displeasure with the synopsis of a briefing paper prepared for Hoover. Hoover thought that the synopsis, written by Sullivan, downgraded the communist influence in the racial movement. For some time thereafter, Hoover regularly appended critical remarks on communications from the Division relating to King and the communist influence in the racial situation. Some of Hoover's remarks were pure sarcasm and obviously designed to "needle" Sullivan and his associates in the Division. It was, therefore, suggested to Murphy that he view Hoover's remarks during that period in this context.

It should be noted that [REDACTED] was quite candid with Murphy in respect to many of the matters discussed, primarily because Murphy had already been exposed to much of the information from his review of our files. It also demonstrated the atmosphere of full cooperation which we are giving to the Department in this matter. b7(c)

This is to also record that, in winding up his file review, Murphy reviewed a number of our more sensitive documents relating to King (not including any tapes or transcripts thereof), as well as references to King

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in selected "O & C" files. He also examined a few of the sections of our 44-38861 file which relates to the investigation of the King assassination.

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F. J. Cassidy

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1 - Mr. F. J. Cassidy  
1 - Mr. D. Ryan

This is to advise of information furnished on 3/11/76 to the Civil Rights Division of the Department relating to Hunter Pitts O'Dell, who was an associate of Martin Luther King, Jr. (u)

On 3/11/76, Department Attorney Robert Murphy, Chief of the Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, contacted Supervisor David Ryan to advise he is in the process of completing a Department report on its review of our past investigation of King. He anticipated this report would be completed next week and referred to the Attorney General. In connection with the Department review, Murphy had determined an article setting forth the Communist background of Hunter Pitts O'Dell had appeared in October, 1962, in the "St. Louis Globe Democrat." Murphy said it was necessary for him to determine if this article was caused to be published by the FBI and specifically if it had been published as a counterintelligence program (COINTELPRO) action. (u)

After reviewing files on the same date, Ryan advised Murphy he had located a memorandum from Mr. F. J. Baumgardner to Mr. Sullivan, dated October 8, 1962, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Counterintelligence Program" (Bufile: 100-3-134-34-308), which recommended summarized public source information setting forth O'Dell's Communist background be forwarded to Mr. C. D. DeLoach for his consideration and possible use by his contacts in the news media field. (u)

A handwritten notation on the memorandum indicates the recommendation was "handled" by Mr. DeLoach on 10/19/62. Murphy advised this information satisfied his needs. (u)

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Memorandum to Mr. Leavitt  
Re: COINTELPROS

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ACTION:

None. For information [u]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 2/18/76

FROM : D. W. Moore, Jr.

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO CRITICISM OF FBI  
CONCERNING ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

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On February 13, 1976, a conference was held in Kansas City attended by the Director, 8 SACs and 2 representatives from the External Affairs Division. The purpose of the conference was to review ideas and procedures used by the field in promoting the best interests of the Bureau through local media.

It was the general feeling of the SACs that one of the most difficult problems in responding to criticism of the Bureau relates to the reported abuses regarding the FBI's activities against Dr. Martin Luther King. The SACs felt that if an appropriate answer could be prepared by FBIHQ they would be in a better position to counter such criticism. While it was explained that the testimony of Deputy Associate Director James Adams was the best material available to respond to the Martin Luther King criticism, the SACs felt that the Bureau should have a more succinct and definitive answer.

The Director concurred with the observations of the SACs and instructed that an appropriate response be provided to the field which could be used to counter criticisms of the Bureau's harassment of Martin Luther King.

## RECOMMENDATION

That this matter be referred to the Intelligence Division for appropriate response.

- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. Campbell
- 1 - Mr. Malmfeldt

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *Wannall*

FROM : J. G. Deegan *Deegan*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. J. O. Adams  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
(Attn: J. S. Peelman)  
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall  
DATE: 2/10/76

1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan  
1 - Mr. J. T. Aldhizer  
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This informative memorandum to advise of status of Departmental review of FBI files concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and related matters.

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You will recall that, commencing 12/6/75, personnel of the Civil Rights Division reviewed portions of our files concerning King and related matters. The last date such review was conducted in 1975 was on 12/19/75. On 2/9/76, Criminal Section Chief Robert A. Murphy resumed review of the King file. He worked on this for less than four hours on that day and was to return the morning of 2/10/76 but had not returned as of the dictation of this memorandum at 3:00 p.m., 2/10/76. *copy 14*

Murphy had been reviewing the King file to the exclusion of other files of interest. The King file is 94 sections in size and, as of 2/9/76, only about 25 sections had been reviewed. On that date, Murphy told Supervisor J. T. Aldhizer that, when he resumed the review the next day, he wanted to start with the portion of the file commencing 1/1/68. This would be Section 77, and thus Murphy would be skipping approximately 50 sections or a little over half of the file. *copy 14*

Murphy has given no indication, and neither has there been an indication from any other Departmental source, as to the true status of the Department's overall review

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Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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of this matter which reportedly was to lead to a judgement by the Department as to whether or not the investigation of King's assassination should be reopened.

ACTION:

None. For information.

MURPHY MOVED 2/25/76  
THAT HE DESIRED TO REVIEW  
SECTIONS OF MLK FILE COVERING  
1/68 - 5/68, PROBABLY TO BEGIN  
2/26/76.  
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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

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To: SAC, Albany

4-21-76

From: Director, FBI

MEDIA RELATIONS  
RESPONSE TO CRITICISM OF FBI  
CONCERNING ACTIONS TAKEN  
AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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During the recent past, there have been many allegations in the media concerning the FBI and actions taken by the FBI against Martin Luther King, Jr.

In order to assist you in responding to inquiries, not only from the media but also to questions posed to you during public appearances, I am setting forth some of the more frequent allegations, together with responses which have been made in regard to these allegations. You may feel free to utilize these responses whenever the subject of Martin Luther King arises.

In responding generally to questions and criticism regarding the FBI's investigation of King, it should be noted that our investigation should be viewed in context of the time involved--the early and mid-1960's--not today. Those were years of considerable racial strife throughout the Nation when subversive and other disruptive elements were attempting to capitalize for their advantage on the social awakening in our country on the civil rights issue.

Media, congressional and public criticism of our investigation of King have occurred in the following major areas:

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1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Adams  
1 - Mr. Jenkins  
1 - Each Assistant Director

NOTE: See J. G. Deegan to Mr. Leavitt memo dated 3-5-76, captioned "Response to Criticism of FBI concerning Actions Taken Against Martin Luther King, Jr."

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RE: MEDIA RELATIONS

ALLEGATION: The FBI had no valid basis for investigation of King.

RESPONSE: This is not true. The FBI had a valid basis for investigating King to determine the extent of communist influence being exerted upon him. However, for reasons of national security and ongoing investigations, the FBI is unable to provide any specifics. It can also be pointed out that this communist influence was of concern not only to the FBI, but also the President and Attorney General of the United States, who spoke personally with King concerning the matter. It should be noted that the bona fide civil rights activities of King were never under FBI investigation.

ALLEGATION: That the FBI conducted illegal electronic surveillances of King.

RESPONSE: This is not true. All electronic surveillances of King were legal.

ALLEGATION: The FBI mailed an anonymous tape and letter to King. According to interpretation by various individuals in the media and the Senate Intelligence Committee, contents of this letter suggested King commit suicide.

RESPONSE: There is no record in the official FBI files to verify that any mailing of anonymous letter or tape recording to King was an official FBI action or with FBI approval. As to the suggestion that the letter sent to King urged his suicide, we can find no basis for any conclusion that the anonymous letter urged King's suicide and we do not know what the letter urged. All we do know is that the draft, or original of what might have been the letter, was found in papers left at the FBI by a former Bureau official.

ALLEGATION: The FBI played tapes of monitored King conversations to persons outside the FBI.

RESPONSE: There is nothing in the files of the FBI to substantiate such an allegation.

Airtel to SAC, Albany  
RE: MEDIA RELATIONS

ALLEGATION: Information developed during our investigation of King was disseminated outside the Executive Branch of Government.

RESPONSE: This is true. Although our primary dissemination regarding King was made within the Executive Branch, there was some limited dissemination to other U. S. Government elements such as Congressmen. In several instances, on a highly selective basis, dissemination was made outside the Federal Government to leaders in religious, academic and news media fields. Dissemination did not include playing of any tapes.

ALLEGATION: The FBI conducted a campaign to discredit and neutralize King.

RESPONSE: The FBI during its investigation of King initiated actions, including several under our Counterintelligence Programs, to neutralize and discredit King. There was no statutory basis for such actions. As to the possible motive for the activity, because of reasons of privacy and delicacy, possible motive is not proper subject for public discussion.

ALLEGATION: That the FBI was in some way involved in the assassination of King.

RESPONSE: False. There is no evidence to support such an allegation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. T. W. Leavitt

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JGD*

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1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
DATE: 3/9/76  
1 - Mr. D. W. Moore, Jr.  
1 - Mr. G. E. Malmfeldt  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan  
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Purpose is to furnish External Affairs Division the attached list of public allegations against the FBI in our investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr., and appropriate responses, which may be useful in handling future King inquiries at FBI Headquarters and in the field.

## BACKGROUND:

Memorandum from D. W. Moore, Jr., to Mr. Jenkins, 2/18/76, advised that a conference was held in Kansas City on 2/13/76, attended by the Director, eight SACs and two representatives from the External Affairs Division. The purpose was to review ideas and procedures used by the field in promoting the best interest of the Bureau through local media. The SACs believed that one of the most difficult problems was responding to criticism of the Bureau's reported abuses regarding our activities against King. It was decided and approved by the Director that succinct and definite answers be provided to counter criticism of the Bureau's investigation of King.

The Intelligence Division has prepared the attached document which contains the major allegations raised by the Senate Intelligence Committee and the media regarding our investigation of King. Included are responses which may be useful in handling any future questions concerning allegations in the King case. This information is provided for the use of External Affairs Division and for forwarding to SACs if such action is deemed advisable by External Affairs.

## ACTION:

That the attached document be referred to the External Affairs Division for appropriate action

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37) (RUC)

SUBJ: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel to All SAC's, 12/12/75, and Anchorage  
 airtel to Bureau, 1/30/76.

Anchorage has committed no additional manpower to  
 this project since referenced Anchorage airtel.

Bureau is requested to advise Anchorage if it is  
 necessary to continue furnishing monthly reports in this  
 matter since Anchorage has no continuing reviews to conduct.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
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FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (100-10148) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re HO airtel to Bu, 2-3-76.

Following February, 1976 data is being submitted in  
accordance with previous instructions:

## 1. Manpower:

None.

## 2. Unusual Costs:

None.

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February 27, 1976

Honorable William H. Harsha  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Harsha:

I have received your letter of February 18th enclosing  
a copy of a communication you received from [REDACTED]

With regard to the article he enclosed concerning  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a representative of the FBI testi-  
fied before the Senate Intelligence Committee on November 19,  
1975, indicating that the FBI had a valid basis for its investi-  
gation of King to determine the extent of communist influence  
being exerted on him. The committee was advised of the facts;  
however, for reasons of national security, I am not at liberty  
to furnish the same information to [REDACTED]

I know you will appreciate my inability to comment  
as he requested.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing identifiable regarding  
[REDACTED] or George W. Baker.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

February 18, 1976

Office of Congressional Affairs  
Room 365  
F.B.I.  
J. Edgar Hoover Building  
10th St. & Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Sir:

The enclosed correspondence from my constituent, [REDACTED] Portsmouth, Ohio 45662, is forwarded for your consideration and attention.

I would appreciate your having the appropriate member of your staff check into the accusations of this article for [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your continued cooperation and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

*W. H. Harsha*

William H. Harsha  
Representative to Congress

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PORTSMOUTH, OHIO  
JANUARY 29, 1976

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM HARSHA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR :

I APPRECIATE YOUR QUICK  
RESPONSE TO PAST INQUIRIES, PERHAPS  
YOU CAN HELP ME AGAIN.

I AM VERY CURIOUS WHETHER  
THE ACCUSATIONS IN THE NEWSPAPER  
COULD BE TRUE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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## Letters To The Editor

### Holiday Disturbs Him

Editor of The Times:

It is very disturbing to see Jan. 19 declared a legal holiday in honor of a man who was financed, supported, and promoted by the Communist Party.

One only needs to look at those closest to Dr. King to determine that his movement was composed mainly of Communist organizers. He denied this repeatedly.

o. Hunter Pitts O'Dell came to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1960 as King's staff consultant. He was promoted to acting staff director in charge of voter registration and integration workshops. During this period he was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party.

Fred Shuttlesworth was president of the Southern Conference Education Fund. This group, investigated by both committees of the House and the Senate was found to have been a major Communist operation.

James Bevel, King's chief aide to Chicago, declared "We must move to destroy Western capitalism."

Wyatt T. Walker, staff aide to Dr. King, was editorial advisor to the Marxist-Leninist Progressive Labor Movement.

James Dombrowski was a close friend and advisor to Dr. King. Law enforcement authorities obtained a cancelled check made out to King from the Communist Front S.C.E.F., which was signed by Dombrowski and Benjamin Smith. According to Sen. James Eastland (D-Mississippi) Smith is registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act as an agent of Fidel Castro.

Ralph David Abernathy was Dr. King's top aide. He accompanied King to a Communist training school in Tennessee in 1957. An honored guest of East Germany in 1972 he was presented a medal. East Germany at this time reported that agents of their leading religious front had "for many years" been in correspondence with Martin Luther King.

Why not declare the birthdate of George Lincoln Rockwell a legal holiday?

—GEORGE W. BAKER  
Route 1,  
McDermott.

ENCLOSURE

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2/17/76

To: SAC, Albany

From: Director, FBI

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA**

Re Bunitel 12/12/75. Reports concerning cost data on captioned matter may be discontinued.

2 - Each Field Office

- 1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Adams - Enclosure
- 1 - Each Assistant Director - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Briney - Enclosure

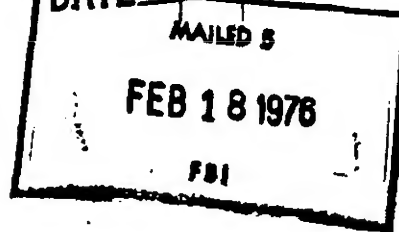
NOTE: This matter has been coordinated with [REDACTED] Intelligence Division, who advised no further work will be required of field divisions on this matter in the near future.

JAB: [initials]  
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NITEL

12/12/75

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

REBUTEL 12/9/75. IN ORDER THAT COSTS INCURRED IN  
CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER MAY BE COMPILED, YOU ARE REQUESTED  
TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. MANPOWER: THE NAME, GRADE AND SALARY STEP, AND  
HOURS SPENT BY EACH EMPLOYEE WHO WORKED ON THIS MATTER.
2. UNUSUAL COSTS: ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-THE-  
ORDINARY COSTS. THESE COSTS SHOULD BE ITEMIZED AND THE COST OF  
EACH ITEM SHOWN SEPARATELY.

ALL REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU, ATTENTION  
BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION. INITIAL  
REPORT IS DUE DECEMBER 31, 1975. FUTURE REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE  
FIFTH WORKDAY OF EACH MONTH, STARTING WITH FEBRUARY 1976.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan - sent direct
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins - sent direct
- 1 - Mr. Adams - sent direct
- 1 - Each Assistant Director - sent direct
- 1 - Mr. Brixey - sent direct

NOTE: Nitel being sent due to anticipated Departmental and  
Congressional inquiries re cost of this matter.

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7:00PM NITEL FEB. 4, 1976 RAA

TO DIRECTOR (100-106670)

FROM COLUMBIA (100-106) (P)

ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATION DIVISION.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW. COST DATA.

RE COLUMBIA NITEL TO BUREAU, DEC. 20, 1975; AND BUREAU  
NITEL DEC. 12, 1975.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION RELATING TO CAPTIONED MATTER:

1. MANPOWER UTILIZATION: NONE.
2. UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE INCURRED.

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Date: 2/11/76

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: ADIC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

ReBunitel to all SACS, 12/12/75, and NYnitel, 12/22/75.

No costs or manpower expended on the above  
captioned matter during the month of January, 1976.

This information was not submitted sooner as it was negative and it was not felt it was necessary to forward negative information. However, on reconsideration in the event the Bureau did desire the information even though negative, it is now submitted. If the Bureau does not desire negative information in the future, it is suggested that they so advise NY otherwise in the future a communication will be sent to the Bureau by the fifth workday of each month even though negative.

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2 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - New York

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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745 PM NITEL FEBRUARY 4, 1976

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM SAC, DALLAS (100-11108)

ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADM. DIVISION.  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUNITEL DECEMBER 12, 1975, AND DALLAS TELETYPE  
DECEMBER 30, 1975.

NO MANPOWER OR UNUSUAL COSTS NOTED FOR DALLAS DIVISION  
FOR JANUARY, 1976. EUC.

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CEL FBING ACK FOR NR 015, 017.

Assoc. Dir.	✓
Dep.-A.D.-Adm.	✓
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Admin.	✓
Comp. Syst.	✓
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Spec. Inv.	✓
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Legal Coun.	✓
Telephone Rm.	✓
Director Sec'y	✓

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# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

DATE: 2/17/76

(ATTN.: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE  
DIVISION)

FROM

SAC, MIAMI (100-15079) (P)

SUBJECT:

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW,  
COST DATA

Re Miami letter dated December 19, 1975 as above.

Miami has incurred no costs in connection  
with this matter since submission of cost data in  
referenced letter.

In the future, Miami will submit cost data  
letters by the fifth workday of each month only in  
the event there is positive cost data information to  
report, UACB.

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② - Bureau (RM) / detached BtA Sec.  
1 - Miami  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 2/2/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586) (C)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel to all SACs, 12/12/75, and  
Atlanta airtel to FBIHQ, 12/31/75.

During the period 1/1/76 - 1/31/76, no costs  
were incurred by the Atlanta Office in connection with  
captioned matter.

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② Bureau 1 detached B+A Section  
2 - Atlanta 2/5/76  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/6/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION *gob/ila*

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (100-6862) (RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel to all SACs dated 12/12/75, and  
Omaha airtel to the Bureau dated 12/29/75.

In conjunction with captioned review, the Omaha  
Division has submitted the results of file reviews in  
referenced airtel. Omaha does not anticipate any further  
reviews inasmuch as all information has been previously  
submitted. Therefore, UACB no further airtels are being  
submitted regarding captioned matter. *JA*

This matter is being RUC'd at Omaha.

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1 - Omaha  
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# Memorandum

*jae/jlw*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
ATTENTION: BUDGET & ACCOUNTING SECTION  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
FROM : *[Signature]* ADIC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229-C)(P)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

DATE: 2/3/76

Re Bureau nitel dated 12/12/75.

No manpower was utilized, or was any unusual cost incurred by the Los Angeles Office in the above captioned matter during the period of 12/13/75 to 2/1/76.

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2 - Los Angeles  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 2-6-76

FROM : J. J. McDermott *JJM/B*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

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Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

Following information is submitted in accordance with instructions as contained in Walsh to Jenkins memo dated 12-12-75.

Due to the fact that this matter is being handled in Records Section through normal mail processing procedures, it is most difficult to determine which specific individual(s) may have typed a certain card or abstract, searched a particular name, reviewed a particular file, etc. Therefore, names of individuals have not been given. In some instances, a specific number of individuals involved may be known and, where applicable, this has been shown. But in some units it is impossible to know even how many persons performed the work relative to a specific subject. All that can be given in some cases is the estimated number of hours in a particular grade or level based on production figures relating to this matter.

<u>No. Personnel</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Man-Hours</u>	<u>Agent/Clerical</u>
5	GS-3	\$ 7,102	2 1/2	C
1	GS-6	10,610	1/2	C
1	GS-6	11,606	1	C
1	GS-8	15,071	3	C
1	GS-15	37,573	3	A

Costs incurred in the Communications Section are negligible.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the Administrative Division.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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4:04 PM NITEL FEBRUARY 6, 1976

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LOUISVILLE (100-4583)

ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION - ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

REBUTEL, DECEMBER 12, 1975.

THERE WAS NO MANPOWER UTILIZED NOR WERE THERE ANY UNUSUAL  
COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED MATTER DURING THE  
PREVIOUS MONTH.

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ACK FOR NR 002, 003, 004.

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Date: 2/5/76

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AIRTEL

Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

WRW/URT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-7259) (P\*)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Butel 12/12/75; and Oklahoma City airtel  
 to Bureau 12/29/75.

There have been no costs incurred in instant  
 matter by either manpower or other unusual costs.

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 2 - Oklahoma City  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/3/76

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AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 (ATTN: Budget and Accounting Section,  
 Administrative Division)

FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (157-131)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
 COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel, 12/12/75.

No costs were incurred in connection with captioned matter in the Honolulu Division in January 1976.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
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 1 - Honolulu

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Director Sec'y	_____

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MILWAUKEE PLAIN

10:40AM NITEL FEBRUARY 5, 1976 PNC

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: MILWAUKEE (66-2225) (RUC)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, DECEMBER 12, 1975.

NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WERE INCURRED BY MILWAUKEE OFFICE  
DURING JANUARY, 1976.

UACB, MONTHLY REPORTS WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE  
BUREAU WHERE NO ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FOR THIS MATTER WERE  
INCURRED.

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EGD ACK FBIHQ

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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: *B/L* SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (100-11666) (P)

RE: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype, 12/12/75.

No costs were incurred by the Salt Lake City Office in connection with captioned matter during the month of January, 1976.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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 2 - Salt Lake City 2/9/76 *yjs*

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 Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/4/76

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE  
DIVISION

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (100-2301)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re Jackson airtel to the Bureau, dated 1/5/76.

During the month of January, 1976, no file  
review or investigative work conducted in captioned case,  
therefore, no cost incurred.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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② - Bureau 1 detached B+A Sec.  
2 - Jackson  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 2/3/76

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Precedence)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE  
 FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4105) (P) DIVISION  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
 COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel to all SAC's dated 12/12/75.

During the period 1/1-31/76, no leads were  
 received in connection with captioned matter; therefore,  
 no manpower was utilized by the Memphis Office during  
 this period.

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 2/3/76  
ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
FROM : *f/s* ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
SAC, BUTTE (100-9533)  
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to All SACs, 12/13/75. *Q*

1. None
2. None

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1 - Butte  
PJF/db  
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Date: 2/3/76

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Precedence)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) (c)  
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION *gas file*

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (100-4896)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATARe Bureau nitel, 12/12/75, and Birmingham airtel  
to Bureau, 12/19/75.There have been no additional costs in this matter  
since submission of referenced Birmingham airtel dated 12/19/75.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
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2:56PM NITEL 2-4-76 KLS

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-40164)(P)

ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING  
SECTION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL OFFICES DATED DECEMBER 12,  
1975; AND WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER 30, 1975.

MANPOWER AND UNUSUAL COST EXPENDITURES BY WFO RE  
CAPTIONED PROJECT SINCE SUBMISSION OF REFERENCED WFO  
TELETYPE TO DATE ARE SET FORTH AS FOLLOWS:

1. MANPOWER: NONE
2. UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE

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*Budget & Accounting*

FBI

Date: 2-3-76

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (100-10148) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re HO let 12-29-75.

Following January, 1976 data is being submitted in  
accordance with previous instructions:

1. Manpower:  
None.
2. Unusual Costs:  
None.

② - Bureau  
1 - Houston

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTENTION: Budget & Accounting Section,  
Administrative Division)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-35794) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Bureau nitels to all SAC's, 12/9/75, and  
12/12/75.

During January, 1976, Boston did not expend  
time or money in this case. Accordingly, the following  
is the "Cost Data" for January, 1976:

I. MANPOWER

<u>Personnel:</u>	<u>Grade:</u>	<u>Hours:</u>
-0-	-0-	-0-

II. UNUSUAL COSTS.

Boston incurred no unusual or out-of-the-ordinary  
costs in this case.

2 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Boston  
RJM:mkm  
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING  
SECTION - ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-5591)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW,  
COST DATA.

ReBuNitel to all SACs, 12/12/75.

COSTS INCURRED 1/1-31/76 FOR MANPOWER AND  
UNUSUAL COSTS:

None.

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③ Bureau  
1 - Savannah

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(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Precedence)TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (66-2137) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATARe Bureau teletype to all SACs, dated 12/12/75, and  
Buffalo airtel to Bureau, dated 12/31/75.The following are the manpower and unusual costs  
incurred as of 1/31/76, in connection with this matter:

## 1. MANPOWER:

None.

## 2. UNUSUAL COSTS:

None.

2 - Bureau (AM) / detached B+A Section  
1 - Buffalo  
GCH:afe  
(3)

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 (ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-17801) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA  
 1/1-31/76

Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, dated 12/30/75.

The following cost computations were made in connection  
 with captioned matter:

## I. Manpower

NAME	GS	SALARY	REGULAR	HOLIDAY	OVERTIME	TOTAL
Agents						
[REDACTED]	13	29,018	1'	--	--	1'
Stenographers						
[REDACTED]	5	9,521	30"	--	--	30"

## 2. Unusual Costs

None incurred.

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 2 - St. Louis  
 WCJ:jet  
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Bureau is requested to advise if this data should, in the future, be incorporated into the monthly letter which St. Louis will submit under the title "Cost of Responding to Inquiries From Other Agencies, Congressional Committees and Requests Under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (FOIPA)", as set forth in Bureau airtel to Albany, dated 1/14/76.

FBI

Date: 2/2/76

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Via Airtel \_\_\_\_\_  
(Precedence)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (Attn: Budget and Accounting  
Section, Administrative Division)

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (100-7488)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA  
BUDED 2/6/76

Re Bureau nitel, 12/12/75.

Norfolk has nothing to report for January, 1976,  
in connection with captioned matter.

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1 - Norfolk  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
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FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-376)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

ReTPairtel 12/15/75.

No costs incurred by Tampa concerning captioned  
matter.

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1 - Tampa  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
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FROM: SAC, ANCHORAGE (157-37) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel to All SAC's dated 12/12/75 and  
Anchorage airtel to the Bureau dated 12/24/75.

Anchorage has committed no additional manpower to  
this project since referenced Anchorage airtel.

Bureau is requested to advise Anchorage if it is  
necessary to continue furnishing monthly reports in this matter  
since Anchorage has no continuing reviews to conduct.

2-Bureau  
1-Anchorage  
ECG:cfh  
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4:07 PM NITEL FEBRUARY 3, 1976 RXH

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (100-14495)

ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DEC. 13, 1975.

COST FACTOR IN CAPTIONED MATTER AT INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION FOR

MONTH OF JANUARY 1976 IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. MANPOWER - NONE
2. NO UNUSUAL COSTS ENCOUNTERED.

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9:27PM NITEL 2-2-76 SBK

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (100-25774) (P)

ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE  
DIVISION.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS, DATED DECEMBER 12, 1975.

NO SEATTLE DIVISION AGENT TIME EXPENDED IN INSTANT MATTER  
DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1976.

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Miss Gandy	

DIRECTOR (100-100000)

KANSAS CITY (100-12132)

SUBJECT: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW

RE: NYTEL 12/29/75

NYTEL 12/12/75 REQUESTED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. PERSONNEL: NONE

2. UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE

FUTURE REPORT IN THIS MATTER WILL BE SUBMITTED

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1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
(Attn: P. V. Daly)  
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

Mr. W. R. Wannall

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1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan  
(Attn: J. T. Aldhizer)  
1 - Mr. W. O. Cregar

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On 1/20/76, Mr. Steven Blackhurst, Deputy to Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination of the Department, furnished to Supervisor P. V. Daly of the Legal Counsel Division Xerox copies of three "Secret" Bureau letterhead memoranda (LHMs) which are in the Department file on King. Blackhurst asked that we have someone make any necessary excisions in these LHMs according to the procedures in effect for materials relating to Martin Luther King, Jr., it being noted that all three LHMs concerned King. According to Blackhurst, Senate Select Committee (SSC) Staff Member Michael Epstein desires copies of these LHMs from the Department, reason unknown.

We have reviewed these LHMs and find no reason for any excisions. They are being returned to Mr. Blackhurst through the Legal Counsel Division. For record purposes, copies have been made and are attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information and record purposes.

Enclosures

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The Attorney General

January 21, 1976

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Adams  
1 - Mr. Gallagher  
1 - Mr. O'Connell  
1 - Mr. Peelman

1 - Mr. Helterhoff  
1 - Mr. Moore  
1 - Mr. Wannall

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On January 15, 1976, Howard Bennett, National Chairman of "Citizen Committee for A Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday," accompanied by William Byrd, Vice Chairman of the Committee, appeared at the New York Office of the FBI.

Mr. Bennett indicated the purpose of the visit was to find out what the Federal Bureau of Investigation was doing about the allegations that the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a conspiracy. He was specifically interested in what had been done to identify the person who changed Dr. King's room reservation from the first floor to the second floor at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee. Our investigative results of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., previously furnished to the Civil Rights Division, reflect that King stayed in Room 306 (second floor) of the Lorraine Motel and there is no indication of any change in the room reservation.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Byrd were advised that the Attorney General of the United States is currently having the FBI investigation of Dr. King's death reviewed and Mr. Bennett stated he would make arrangements to see the Attorney General at some time in the future.

The above is being furnished for your information.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

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The Attorney General

NOTE: This case pertains to the shooting death of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4/4/68. James Earl Ray pled guilty to this murder and presently is in local confinement.

New York furnished the above information by airtel dated 1/16/76.

The reference to our investigative results pertains to Bufile 44-38861. Based on available information, no information located in Bureau files identifiable with Bennett or Byrd.

Attached being furnished to the Attorney General for information, with copies to the Deputy Attorney General, the Civil Rights Division, and the Criminal Division, in view of statement by Bennett that he would make arrangements to see the Attorney General at some time in the future.

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Date: 1/16/76

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: CITIZEN COMMITTEE FOR A DR. MARTIN  
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On 1/15/76, HOWARD BENNETT, National Chairman of "Citizen Committee for A Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday", accompanied by WILLIAM BYRD, Vice Chairman of the Committee, appeared at the NYO.

Mr. BENNETT indicated the purpose of the visit was to find out what the Federal Bureau of Investigation was doing about the allegations that the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was a conspiracy. He was specifically interested in what had been done to identify the person who changed Dr. KING's room reservation from the first floor to the second floor at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. BENNETT and Mr. BYRD were advised that the Attorney General of the US is currently reviewing the FBI investigation of Dr. KING's death. Mr. BENNETT stated he would make arrangements to see the Attorney General at some time in the future.

2 - Bureau  
1 - New York

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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. J. B. Adams

1-21-76

Legal Counsel

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THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD  
JANUARY 20, 1976

HOUSE

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - STATUE

Pages H87-H92. The House passed H. Con. Res. 96, amended, authorizing a bust or statue of Martin Luther King, Jr. to be placed in the Capitol. Congressman John M. Ashbrook (Ohio) spoke in opposition to this measure pointing out that "I think it is rather strange to call up this undeserved bill at a time when many of the liberals in this country--particularly in the media--call Richard Nixon a crook, allege John F. Kennedy was a lady's man, and accuse J. Edgar Hoover of being a tyrant, but would at the same time gloss over similar shortcomings in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - - - Those who want to rewrite history are bent on this course, but some voice should be raised to put King in perspective. He advocated violence, advocated lawlessness, and preached an anti-American theme which was sheer radical propaganda." He inserted in the Record an article from the January 24, 1976, issue of Human Events entitled "Why Did King Dump Red Aide?" written by William A. Rusher "which attempts to put King in the proper perspective." Mr. Ashbrook suggested that "we not allow ourselves to be propagandized into making Martin Luther King something he most certainly was not." Congressman Jonathan B. Bingham (New York) supported this resolution. He added, "The recent revelations of FBI attempts to discredit Dr. King and even urge him to suicide--only enhance his reputation, and make this resolution the more significant in showing that the Congress, like President Ford, regards such actions as 'abhorrent to all Americans.'" Mr. Bingham placed in the Record the names of cosponsors of this resolution. Congressman Don Edwards (California) spoke in support of this resolution and included an article from the New York Times entitled "After The Assenter" written by Roger Wilkins. This article pointed out that "Because the hypocrisy,

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- 1 - Mr. Gallagher - enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Walsh - enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Wannall - enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Malmfield - enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rotis - enclosure

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Memorandum to Mr. Adams  
RE: The Congressional Record

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greed and sloth which undergirded so much of American racism collided so sharply with Dr. King's clear and honest fervor, J. Edgar Hoover had legions of supporters in his fierce angry obsession with him."

Rebuttal of Attacks on FBI

Pages H9S-H102. Congressman Samuel L. Devine (Ohio) expressed his concern regarding the attacks on the FBI. He stated, "I am probably overly sensitive in this area because I had the honor to serve in that body for a period of nearly 5 years under the direction and guidance of Director J. Edgar Hoover. - - - It is time for the Congress and the press to stop kicking the FBI around for its few prior mistakes. This serves only to generate headlines and to further undermine the public trust and confidence in one of our most vital agencies." Mr. Devine placed in the Record a speech on terrorism delivered by Director Kelley on January 13 before the American Security Council and several news items. (Samuel L. Devine was employed with the Bureau as an Agent from 12-2-40 to 10-10-45.)

Federal Elections Commission

Page H102. Congressman Bill Frenzel (Minnesota) pointed out that "It is good news that our colleague, Bill Gradison has been cleared by the Federal Elections Commission of alleged violation of the Elections Act in the last campaign." He cited the length of time required by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to settle this case and added, "If the FEC cannot develop a system by which alleged violations can be judged in a reasonable amount of time at a reasonable expense, and then publish its determination to the public, we do not need a FEC."

Death Penalty For Commission of Bombing Where Death Results

Pages H110-H111. Congressman Paul G. Rogers (Florida) spoke concerning legislation he was submitting to amend the Federal Criminal Code to provide for the death penalty for commission of a bombing where the death of any person results. He stated, "I believe this legislation is necessary to help combat what threatens to become the No. 1 problem of the governments of the world--violent acts of terrorism. - - - The FBI reports that there were 89 bombings attributable to terrorist activity in the United States last year as compared to 45 in 1974 and 24 in 1973." A copy of this measure will be obtained.

Memorandum to Mr. Adams  
Re: The Congressional Record

HOUSE - continued

Adjournment: Until Wednesday, January 21, 1976, at 12 noon

SENATE

Duty Outside Continental United States--Vacation Leave

Pages S155-S156. Senator Ted Stevens (Alaska) introduced a bill (S. 2852) to amend section 5723 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to vacation leave in connection with a tour of duty outside the continental United States. Mr. Stevens pointed out that this legislation "would abolish this 'turn around leave' provision in Alaska after one tour of duty. By allowing the executive branch the option to designate 'hardship' areas we provide Federal agencies enough flexibility to recruit necessary personnel through utilization of the 'turn around leave' provision. And, recruitment could be conducted in Alaska as well as 'outside' if no qualified Alaskan is interested in the position available." The text of S. 2852 is set forth in the Record.

Adjournment: Until Wednesday, January 21, 1976, at 12 noon

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

Attacks Against CIA

Pages E54-E55 and E63. Congressman Robert H. Michel (Illinois) extended his remarks concerning attacks against the CIA. He made reference to legislation he introduced (H. R. 11365) making it a crime to reveal the identity of an intelligence agent or employee. He stated, "Since it became known that I was going to take that step, I have received many letters on the subject, the overwhelming majority of them strongly supporting my position, - - - But not all of the mail has been favorable." He included an example of the latter. This letter stated, "I suggest strongly, sir, that before you do so, you include in your bill strict provisions prohibiting certain activities by these agents to 'cover' themselves. I refer specifically to agents of the CIA, FBI or any other agency posing as news reporters to disguise their actual activities." Mr. Michel also inserted in the Record a letter to the editor of the Washington Star written by Brig. Gen. William A. Tidwell entitled "The Perils Secret Agents Face" and added "I am sure that those who may be considering joining with me in sponsoring legislation to protect intelligence agents and employees from exposure will want to read his well-reasoned discussion."

Memorandum to Mr. Adams  
Re: The Congressional Record

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS - continued

Covert Functions of CIA

Page E60. Congressman Michael Harrington (Massachusetts) pointed out that he plans "to offer an amendment to the military bill now before the International Relations Committee which would outlaw the manipulative 'covert action' side of the Central Intelligence Agency, restricting the agency's future operations to the gathering and analysis of intelligence. In my judgment, the CI covert action functions--ranging from paramilitary activity to propaganda to the passing of cash--have been thoroughly discredited as instruments of U. S. foreign policy. For our own good, they can to be prohibited in peacetime." He included an article from the New York Times entitled "The Covert Presidency" written by Anthony Lewis.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Pages E73-E74. Congressman Michael Harrington (Massachusetts) paid tribute to Martin Luther King and added, "A memorial to Dr. King in the Capitol can only represent the place he holds forever in the history of the United States. But a statue is an appropriate tribute to this great man. It will stand to remind us of his vision that is ours to fulfill." He included an article from the New York Times entitled "After The Assenter" written by Roger Wilkins. This is the same article inserted in the Record by Congressman Don Edwards (California) and set forth earlier in this memorandum.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 (ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)  
 FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (100-14700) (P)  
 SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
 COST DATA

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1. Manpower - None
2. Unusual Costs - None

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) *gac/jls* DATE: 1/28/76  
ATTN: Budget and Accounting Section  
Administrative Division

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, PORTLAND (100-10198)(C)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
Departmental Review, Cost Data

Re Bureau nitel to all SACs, 12/12/75; Portland airtel to Bureau, 12/19/75.

No costs incurred by the Portland Division during January, 1976, in connection with the departmental review of this matter.

No costs anticipated by the Portland Division in the future and UACB Portland will discontinue submission of monthly cost data reports.

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11:25AM NITEL 1/30/76 VLC

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ALBUQUERQUE (100-2833) (RUC)

ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION. *✓ Budget Section*

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA.

RE BUNITEL TO ALL SAC'S, DECEMBER 12, 1975.

NO COSTS INCURRED BY ALBUQUERQUE DIVISION, JANUARY 1-31, 1976.

UACB, ALBUQUERQUE WILL NOT SUBMIT MONTHLY COST SURVEYS UNLESS  
COSTS ARE ACTUALLY INCURRED.

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7:00PM NITEL JANUARY 30, 1976 JDC

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (100-10075) (P)

ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

PERUTEL DATED DECEMBER 12, 1975.

1. MANPOWER: SA [REDACTED], GS-13, STEP 8, 6 HOURS;  
SA [REDACTED], GS-12, STEP 2, 3 HOURS; [REDACTED]  
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2. UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: INTD AND  
BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION) (100-106670)

DATE: 1-23-76

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (100-646) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

Re JK nitel 12-12-75 and Jacksonville airtel,  
12-31-75.

This is to advise that the work requested of Jacksonville  
has been completed and cost data has been furnished the  
Bureau.

No further communications will be submitted by  
Jacksonville UACB.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

- 1 - External Affairs Division  
(Attention: Tom Coll)
- 1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
(Attention: J. S. Peelman)

January 22, 1976

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - Mr. J. T. Aldhizer

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DEMONSTRATION BY RESEARCH ACTION  
GROUP ON ASSASSINATION

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DATE 6/27/80 BY SP-3DB/dm

This letter is to alert you to an inquiry which may be made of you concerning the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At 11:30 A.M., January 15, 1976, a group of 15 demonstrators representing the Research Action Group on Assassination appeared at the New York Office of the FBI. Robert Ranftle, spokesman for this group, was met by one of the Special Agents in charge of our New York Office. Ranftle stated the purpose of the demonstration was to bring to the public's attention the possibility that a conspiracy existed in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and that this should be pursued. The demonstration lasted one hour and was peaceful.

Ranftle was advised by our representative that the Attorney General of the United States is currently reviewing the FBI investigation of Dr. King's death. He was also advised that the New York Office did not have the complete investigative file concerning this matter.

Ranftle indicated he would communicate with the Attorney General concerning this matter.

Files of FBI Headquarters and our New York Office contain no pertinent information concerning the Research Action Group on Assassination and Ranftle.

- 1 - Deputy Attorney General  
Attention: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.  
Special Counsel for  
Intelligence Coordination

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- 1 - J. Stanley Pottinger  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division
- 1 - Richard L. Thornburgh  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

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Letter to the Attorney General  
Re: Demonstration by Research Action  
Group on Assassination

NOTE:

Above information was provided in New York airtel  
1/16/76 captioned "Demonstration by Research Action Group on  
Assassination at NYO, 1/15/76," New York SAC meeting group was  
Philip A. McNiff.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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9:48 PM NITEL JANUARY 21, 1976 GJW

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SEATTLE (100-25774) 1P

ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE TO ALL SACS, DECEMBER 12, 1975.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED PURSUANT TO REFERENCED  
TELETYPE FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1975:

AGENT REVIEWING INSTANT MATTER WAS SA [REDACTED],  
GRADE 13, STEP ONE, WHO WORKED SIX HOURS ON THIS MATTER. NO  
UNUSUAL COSTS INCURRED.

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1 - Mr. Callahan  
1 - Mr. Adams  
1 - Mr. Moore  
1 - Mr. Walsh  
1 - Mr. Wannall  
1 - Mr. Shackelford

Intelligence Division 1 - Mr. Deegan

1 - Mr. Tansey  
INFORMATIVE NOTE 1/16/76

Date

Attached indicates that on 1/15/76 a demonstration took place in front of the Red Bank, New Jersey, Resident Agency of the FBI. Demonstration was sponsored by the Shore Citizens Committee to protest harassment of Dr. Martin Luther King. That Committee is described as a local Long Branch New Jersey civil rights organization whose president is Robert Moir. Moir is presently chairman of the Shore Club of the New Jersey Communist Party.

The demonstrators at one point totaled about 50 persons. They carried signs critical of the FBI and its handling of the Dr. Martin Luther King assassination. The signs criticized FBI methods and accused the FBI of harassment. The group also chanted "Congress curb the FBI." A "bullhorn" was used to attract attention of passing vehicles. The demonstration started about 3:15 p.m. and disbanded at 4:30 p.m. No incidents occurred.

Pertinent data in attached was disseminated by teletype to the Deputy Attorney General, Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit; Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attn: Internal Security Section; and, U. S. Secret Service.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM NEWARK (100-57247) (C)

ATTN: INFO.

DEMONSTRATION AT THE RED BANK, NJ FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
RESIDENT AGENCY, JANUARY 15, 1976, SPONSORED BY SHORE CITIZENS  
COMMITTEE TO PROTEST HARASSMENT OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING,  
INFORMATION CONCERNING - IS

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SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI)  
OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING WHICH TRANSPIRED AT CAPTIONED DEMONSTRATION:

AT 3:05PM, ROBERT MOIR MET APPROXIMATELY 20 PEOPLE IN  
THE PARKING LOT OF THE JERRAL BUILDING, WHICH HOUSES COMMERCIAL  
BUSINESS OFFICES AS WELL AS THE RED BANK, NJ, RESIDENT AGENCY.

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AT APPROXIMATELY 3:15PM THE DEMONSTRATORS STARTED MARCHING IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING. MOST WERE CARRYING SIGNS CRITICAL OF THE FBI AND ITS HANDLING OF THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING ASSASSINATION. SOME SIGNS CRITICIZED THE METHOD OF THE FBI AND ACCUSED THE FBI OF HARASSMENT. ALSO MANY IN THE GROUP CHANTED "CONGRESS CURSE THE FBI," A "BULLHORN" WAS ALSO USED TO ATTRACT PASSING VEHICLES' ATTENTION.

THE GROUP GREW TO APPROXIMATELY 50 PERSONS BY 4:22PM, AND DISBANDED PROMPTLY AT 4:30PM.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OF ANY KIND.

SECRET SERVICE, NEWARK, NJ ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE NEWARK TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, JANUARY 5, 1976.

SPECIAL AGENTS OBSERVING THE DEMONSTRATION WERE AS FOLLOWS:

SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] b7(c)

SA [REDACTED]

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SECRET SERVICE, NEWARK, NJ ADVISED JANUARY 15, 1976.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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Date: 1/16/76

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Via **AIRTEL**

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DECLASSIFICATION

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR**  
DEMONSTRATION BY RESEARCH ACTION GROUP ON  
ASSASSINATION AT NYO, 1/15/76

ReButel call from Supervisor THOMAS B. CALL, 1/14/76.

At 11:30 AM, 1/15/76, a group of fifteen (15) demonstrators representing Research Action Group on Assassination appeared at the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. ROBERT RANFTLE, spokesman for the group, was met by SAC PHILIP A. MC NIFF.

According to RANFTLE, the purpose of the demonstration was to bring to the public's attention the possibility that a conspiracy existed in the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and that this should be pursued.

RANFTLE was advised that the Attorney General of the United States is currently reviewing the FBI investigation of Dr. KING's death. They were also advised that the NYO does not have the complete investigative files concerning this matter.

RANFTLE indicated he would communicate with the Attorney General concerning this matter.

The demonstration lasted one hour and was peaceful.

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DEMONSTRATION BY RESEARCH ACTION GROUP  
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New York indices contain no record of Research  
Action Group on Assassination.

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Honorable Birch Bayh  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Bayh:

This will acknowledge your recent communication which enclosed a letter and newspaper clippings sent by your constituent, [REDACTED] letter made reference to FBI activities relating to Martin Luther King, Jr. (b7c)

On November 19, 1975, a representative of the FBI testified before the Senate Intelligence Committee. This representative testified that the FBI had a valid basis for investigating King to determine the extent of communist influence being exerted upon him, but for reasons of national security, we are unable to provide any specifics. This influence was of concern not only to the FBI but also to the President and Attorney General of the United States who spoke personally with King concerning the matter. In response to questions regarding FBI efforts to discredit King, this representative testified there was no statutory basis or justification for such action.

I commented in my statement before the Senate Intelligence Committee about the need to clarify the rules for investigations in the internal security field. A copy of this statement is enclosed. My associates and I are desirous of having the Congress provide statutory authority and adequate guidelines for our operation in the security field.

Your constituent wondered whether he is the

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Honorable Birch Bayh

subject of an FBI file. Please inform [REDACTED] that the files of the FBI contain no information regarding him. b7(c)

I trust that the foregoing will assist you in responding to your constituent and, as you requested, I am returning the enclosures you sent.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

Enclosures (4)  
Correspondent's enclosures  
Director Kelley's testimony before Senate Committee on  
Intelligence Activities, 12-10-75.

NOTE: Reply to this letter enunciates policy established in memoranda of J. G. Deegan to Mr. W. R. Wannall dated 12-9-75 and 12-22-75 entitled "Martin Luther King, Jr." Bufiles contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED] b7(c)

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# United States Senate

## MEMORANDUM

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*Mr. Luthers King Jr.*

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Please note the attached letter from a constituent forwarded to you for any consideration the correspondence may warrant. I would greatly appreciate your checking into this matter. Upon completion of your investigation, please advise me of the status of this case in duplicate and return the original letter in an envelope marked to the attention of the Legislative Mail Section.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

*and*  
*Birch Bayh*  
 Birch Bayh  
 United States Senator  
 (INDIANA)

*Attn: Miss Johnson*

(Attn: Miss Johnson)

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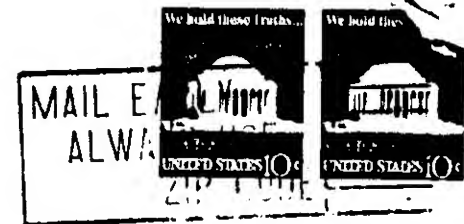
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Indiana's Honorable Senators  
Birch Bayh and Vance Hartke  
The Senate of these United States  
Washington, D. C. 20013

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Nov. 20, 1975

Indiana Senators; Bayh and Hartke:

The clipping (FBI admits haressing King) is so terrible, it is difficult for me to believe it.

Shortly after the death of J. Edgar Hoover, I composed a poem in his honor; I mailed it to a Washington Newspaper for publication. J. Edgar Hoover and his boys had been my hero as far back as I could remember.

After the L. Patrick Grey episode and revelation of Hoover's dossiers; My hero worship of the FBI came to a screeching halt.

Obviously Hoover had too much absolute power, I believe many of the other appointed officials and their departments have awesome power, with far reaching effects. Seriously I wonder, am I among those 500,000 dossiers. Last year my S.S. checks arrived 2 months late, I and my family moved to Tennessee, my daughter reported the delay to Rep. Quillen, he investigated and since, ~~my~~ checks have arrived on time, I am still thanking Mr Quillen for this. Since, we have moved back to our old house in Indiana.

Congress & elect elected group. the President and 50 Governors represent these United States. Appointed officials and their departments are auxillaries. I believe Congress should act without delay in passing laws, that would limit terms of appointed officials and department heads to a maximum of 6 to 8 years.

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This might sound far out, but I believe that Supreme Court Justice's should be limited to a term of no more than 6 years. Their salaries of \$62,500.00 is beyond my comprehension. Thanks for reading this letter, am enclosing a picture and article about myself that appeared in the Daily Herald Telephone Oct. 31, 1975. This will be kind of like shaking hands.

Sincerely,



address:



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Bloomington, IN 47401



# FBI admits harassing King

WASHINGTON (UPI) — For seven years the FBI carried out a program of harassment against Dr. Martin Luther King that included an anonymous letter threatening to destroy his reputation and suggesting he commit suicide.

FBI memos introduced Tuesday at a Senate intelligence committee hearing showed the bureau bugged and wiretapped the civil rights leader. Anticipating its attempt to discredit King would succeed, the bureau had picked its own man to succeed him as leader of the black movement.

The program was undertaken because, in the words of J. Edgar Hoover, King was "no good." One memo expressed concern that King was the "most dangerous and effective leader in our country."

"I must conclude there is nothing in this case that the KGB (the Soviet secret police) does not do — it is a road map to the destruction of American democracy," said Sen. Walter Mondale, D-Minn., a member of the committee.

William Sullivan, once top deputy at the FBI, wrote Hoover in 1963 of a plan to discredit King "by taking him completely off his pedestal and reducing his influence."

"Obvious confusion will reign ... the Negroes will be left without a national leader," he wrote. The FBI already had selected a black not at that time involved in the movement to succeed King, committee investigators said. They refused to identify him.

Part of a letter, received by King 34 days before he was to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, was read to the committee.

The letter told King, "There is only one thing left to do. You have just 34 days to do it. You are done. There is but one way out for you."

Chairman Frank Church, D-Idaho, stopped committee counsel Fritz Schwarz, who was reading the letter, and asked, "This was signed by whom?"

Sen. Sullivan said the letter was found in Sullivan's file. Sullivan, no longer with the FBI, "claims he didn't write it but that it was a plant by someone else," Schwarz said.

The committee did not release the information which the letter threatened to expose about King. Copies of the letter were sent to both King and his wife.

King was assassinated in 1968.

Information that the FBI put King under

surveillance has been made public previously. But the extent and range of FBI activities involving him brought out by the committee were new. They included the following:

- In addition to a series of telephone wiretaps, the FBI used 16 bugs, mostly in motel rooms, to monitor King's activities.

- The FBI attempted, unsuccessfully, to prevent a meeting between King and Pope Paul VI in 1964.

- Attempts were made to discourage colleges from awarding honorary degrees to King.

- In 1963, the FBI held a special meeting in Washington to discuss 21 suggestions for harassing King. They included "placing a good-looking female plant" in King's entourage, "using Mrs. King" and investigating "any shady financial deals which can be exploited."

- After King was killed, the FBI developed a plan to call in "friendly congressmen" to persuade them to help block attempts to make his birthday a national holiday.

Also brought out in Tuesday's hearings were proof the FBI tried to disrupt the Ku Klux Klan, the black movement and other groups by instructing its agents to write anonymous letters falsely accusing members of the groups with marital infidelity.

FBI memos, made public at the Senate hearing, offered samples. One memo described a letter that "was prepared from a penmanship, spelling and vocabulary style to imitate that of the average Black Liberator member."

"It contains several accusations which should cause a wife great concern. The letter is to be mailed in a cheap, unmarked envelope with no return address and sent from St. Louis."

Also at the hearing it was revealed the FBI had compiled a half-million dossiers on Americans over a dozen years and used "dirty and dangerous" tactics against some of them.

The Senate intelligence committee is investigating the Bureau's spying program between 1959 and 1971 alone, 500,000 dossiers were collected not only on communists, black ministers and black organizations of all kinds, but also feminists, doctors, lawyers and anti-war groups.

Thousands were investigated by various means, including use of wiretaps and microphone "bugs."

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# Clark keeps post office busy

By LARRY INCOLLINGO  
H-T News Editor

One of the more prolific letter-writers to the newspaper is Ivan B. Clark, Box 328, R. in Bloomington.

His letters are written comments on topical subjects, and they may range from the county to the international level.

"IT'S A HOBBY, I guess," Clark said in an interview in his home recently.

"I got interested in letter-writing when I was the sports editor of my school paper in Trafalgar, back when I was a junior and senior there in 1946 and 1947."

He is one of the legions of writers who attempted to again stay the California execution of Caryl Chessman in 1960, which would have made it the ninth since Chessman's 1948 conviction on robbery, kidnaping and attempted rape charges.

CLARK HAS WRITTEN SENATORS, congressmen, governors, the Hearst family; he has lambasted the Warren Court for banning school prayer, Washington for excessive spending, the country for lack of patriotism — when patriotism was a bad word — and he wrote so prolifically against abortion that he was forced to stop.

"I just couldn't afford the mailing costs," he said.

A former substitute mail carrier who worked out of the Bloomington Post Office,



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profile

Clark has been disabled since January of 1974.

HE IS AFFLICTED with sclerosis of the spine, a severe curvature and deterioration which has reduced him by about three-inches in height.

"My ribs touch my hip-joints," is the way he explains his loss of height.

The contact of those bones against one another, causes what he calls "a misery," and he often has to stretch out on a bed, or, or as he puts it from a lounging position, "sit on my back."

UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT, however, he refused to allow the sclerosis to deter him. "by working around my handicap," and through home-study courses and trade schools, Clark became an electronics engineer.

His best job was in 1969, with Northrop Corp., when he earned \$14,000.

"I began working as a boy, carrying a paper, the old Bloomington World, and I set pins at Haak's Bowling Alley, and since then I've worked at eighty-some jobs," Clark said of his past.

HE IS 47, and he and his wife Kathleen are the parents of seven children, one of whom — Mrs. Mary Kelley — said of being reared in the large family, "It was more like you always had company." The Clarks live at the end of Little Horse Road, an unpaved gravel roadway, after turning onto Old Meyers Road off Old Ind 37.

"We named it Little Horse Road after so many people began getting caught," Clark said. "It is really Old Meyers Road, but everyone got to thinking that Old Meyers goes up over the hill. That's Culpitt's Hill Road," he averred.

A SON, GARY, is in the military, stationed in Naples, Italy. Three other children who are at home walk a half mile home each day to and from the school bus stop at Little Horse Road and the blacktop.

He believes his youngest son, who is in the first grade, is a good reader.

"HE HAS JUST FINISHED this book," Clark said, holding up a small reader. "I think it is an accomplishment, since it has 100 different words in it."

If he has a criticism of education it is that "kids can't read any more."

When he went to school children could read, "And we memorized the states and their capitals — I can still name them, and draw a map of every state, and of every country in the world."

"WHEN I WENT to school, that was something, and I can still recite the Gospels."

burg Address, and say my ABCs."

Because of his father's job, Clark went to 12 different schools before he graduated from Trafalgar High.

Newspapers make up the bulk of Clark's reading.

"I GENERALLY READ the newspaper from front to back, beginning with the editorial page," he said. "You'll learn more from newspapers than you will anywhere else," he said.

He credits newspapers — and some reading done at the library — with helping him win two traffic court cases in which he played the part of advocate for himself in one, and brother in another.

CLARK SPENDS HIS PLEASANT retirement working around the green asbestos-shingled covered frame house at the end of Little Horse Road, writing letters to the editor, composing poetry, and reading rejection letters from magazines he someday hopes to strike it rich with.

And in between these activities, Clark manages to roll and smoke a pound of Velvee Tobacco a month.

When he is moved to write a letter to a media, Clark grabs a pencil and paper as he begins when and where the action strikes him — even in bed in the middle of the night. I prefer, however, to do his writing at a kitchen table, using an old portable typewriter.



IVAN B. CLARK  
Prefers his old portable typewriter

*Original  
returned to  
Shirley*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : J. G. Deegan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

1 - Mr. E. W. Walsh  
(Attn: J. A. Brixey)  
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

DATE: 1/13/76

1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

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Reference is made to memorandum from E. W. Walsh to Mr. Jenkins, 12/12/75, requesting cost data be secured by FBIHQ Divisions participating in current project servicing Departmental review of files concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and related matters. The report of INTD for December, 1975, is as follows:

Special Agents: GS-15.....25 man days  
GS-14.....29 man days  
GS-13.....3.5 man days

Clerical: GS-5.....5 man days  
GS-4.....9.5 man days

There were no unusual or out-of-the-ordinary costs involved.

RECOMMENDATION:

For referral to the Budget and Accounting Section, Administrative Division.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JGD/pen*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - External Affairs Division  
1 - Legal Counsel Division  
1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall  
DATE: 12/22/75

1 - Mr. H. E. Helgeson  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan  
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Attached memorandum from J. G. Deegan to Mr. W. R. Wannall dated 12/9/75 covered a letter to [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] Knoxville, Tennessee. This memorandum was returned on 12/18/75 from the Director with a notation on page two to make the following correction in the letter to [REDACTED]

"Para. 3 should replace para. 2 - Should start off, 'On Nov. 19, 1975 a representative of the FBI testified before the Senate Intell. Comm. This repr. testified that - - - (Continue as in para. 3). Then add last sentence in para. 2 to end of new 2nd para. "

Appropriate corrections have been made in the attached letter to [REDACTED] which was redated to December 23, 1975. b7C

## RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached retyped letter to [REDACTED] incorporating the Director's corrections, be approved and forwarded. b7C

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SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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Purpose is to recommend a policy to be used in responding to anticipated letters from citizens commenting on the Bureau's investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr., and its publicized tactics designed to neutralize or discredit him during this investigation.

## BACKGROUND:

Because of considerable publicity afforded our investigation of King and Bureau's publicized tactics used to neutralize or discredit him, it is anticipated that FBIHQ will receive numerous letters from citizens commenting on our actions and questioning the basis not only for investigation of King but for our discreditation or neutralization activities. An example is the attached letter from [REDACTED] Knoxville, Tennessee, who is critical of the Bureau for conducting a "concerted campaign to undermine the reputation" of King.

To recommend a suitable policy for use in responding to this and other expected letters, a meeting was held on 12/4/75, attended by SA [REDACTED] Legal Counsel Division; [REDACTED] External Affairs Division and [REDACTED] Intelligence Division.

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## RESULTS OF MEETING AND RECOMMENDED POLICY

It was concluded that our responses should be in line with testimony of Mr. J. B. Adams on 11/19/75 before the Senate Intelligence Committee. All letters received concerning our investigation of King and/or tactics used against him should be answered by stating the FBI had a valid basis for investigating King to determine the extent of communist influence being exerted upon him. However, for reasons of national security and ongoing investigations we are unable to provide any specifics. It should

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

be also pointed out to the writer that this communist influence was of concern not only to the FBI but also the President and Attorney General of the United States who spoke personally with King concerning the matter.

b7(c) If an incoming letter, as in the case of the one from [redacted] specifically criticizes our counterintelligence and/or tactics against King, our response should again be in line with Mr. Adams' testimony, that there was no statutory basis or justification for such action.

b7(c) It was agreed that letters, including the one from [redacted] be answered in accordance with the above policy.

External Affairs Division representative suggested that where circumstances may warrant, in order to explain our position regarding our intelligence operations, a copy of the Director's statement before the Senate Intelligence Committee in Washington, D. C., on December 10, 1975, be incorporated in our reply. A copy of the Director's statement is attached to our response to [redacted] b7(c)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the above policy be approved in responding to anticipated letters from citizens critical of our investigation of King and/or our tactics designed to discredit him and that the attached letter be sent to [redacted]

[redacted] b7(c)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR RELEASE  
10 A.M., EST  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1975

STATEMENT OF

CLARENCE M. KELLEY

DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

BEFORE THE

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

U. S. SENATE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

DECEMBER 10, 1975



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I welcome the interest which this Committee has shown in the FBI and most particularly in our operations in the intelligence and internal security fields.

I share your high regard for the rights guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States. Throughout my 35-year career in law enforcement you will find the same insistence, as has been expressed by this Committee, upon programs of law enforcement that are themselves fully consistent with law.

I also have strongly supported the concept of legislative oversight. In fact, at the time my appointment as Director of the FBI was being considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee two and one-half years ago, I told the members of that Committee of my firm belief in Congressional oversight.

This Committee has completed the most exhaustive study of our intelligence and security operations that has ever been undertaken by anyone

outside the FBI other than the present Attorney General. At the outset, we pledged our fullest cooperation and promised to be as candid and forthright as possible in responding to your questions and complying with your requests.

I believe we have lived up to those promises.

The members and staff of this Committee have had unprecedented access to FBI information.

You have talked to the personnel who conduct security-type investigations and who are personally involved in every facet of our day-to-day intelligence operations.

You have attended numerous briefings by FBI officials who have sought to familiarize the Committee and its staff with all major areas of our activities and operations in the national security and intelligence fields.

In brief, you have had a firsthand examination of these matters that is unmatched at any time in the history of the Congress.

As this Committee has stated, these hearings have, of necessity, focused largely on certain errors and abuses. I credit this Committee for its forthright recognition that the hearings do not give a full or balanced account of the FBI's record of performance.

It is, perhaps, in the nature of such hearings to focus on abuses to the exclusion of positive accomplishments of the organization.

The Counterintelligence Programs which have received the lion's share of public attention and critical comment constituted an infinitesimal portion of our overall work.

A Justice Department Committee which was formed last year to conduct a thorough study of the FBI's Counterintelligence Programs has reported that in the five basic ones it found 3,247 Counterintelligence proposals were submitted to FBI Headquarters from 1956 to 1971. Of this total, 2,370 -- less than three-fourths -- were approved.

I repeat, the vast majority of those 3,247 proposals were being devised, considered, and many were rejected, in an era when the FBI was handling an average of 700,000 investigative matters per year.

Nonetheless, the criticism which has been expressed regarding the Counterintelligence Programs is most legitimate and understandable.

The question might well be asked what I had in mind when I stated last year that for the FBI to have done less than it did under the circumstances then existing would have been an abdication of its responsibilities to the American people.

What I said then -- in 1974 -- and what I believe today, is that the FBI employees involved in these programs did what they felt was expected of them by the President, the Attorney General, the Congress, and the people of the United States.

Bomb explosions rocked public and private offices and buildings; rioters led by revolutionary extremists laid siege to military, industrial, and educational facilities; and killings, maimings, and other atrocities accompanied such acts of violence from New England to California.

The victims of these acts were human beings -- men, women, and children. As is the case in time of peril -- whether real or perceived -- they looked to their Government, their elected and appointed leadership, and to the FBI and other law enforcement agencies to protect their lives, their property, and their rights.

There were many calls for action from Members of Congress and others, but few guidelines were furnished. The FBI and other law enforcement agencies were besieged by demands...impatient demands...for immediate action.

FBI employees recognized the danger; felt they had a responsibility to respond; and, in good faith,

initiated actions designed to counter conspiratorial efforts of self-proclaimed revolutionary groups, and to neutralize violent activities.

In the development and execution of these programs, mistakes of judgment admittedly were made.

Our concern over whatever abuses occurred in the Counterintelligence Programs -- and there were some substantial ones -- should not obscure the underlying purpose of those programs.

We must recognize that situations have occurred in the past and will arise in the future where the Government may well be expected to depart from its traditional role -- in the FBI's case, as an investigative and intelligence-gathering agency -- and take affirmative steps which are needed to meet an imminent threat to human life or property.

In short, if we learn a murder or bombing is to be carried out NOW, can we truly meet our responsibilities by investigating only after the crime has occurred, or should we have the ability to prevent? I refer to those instances where there is a strong sense of urgency because of an imminent threat to human life.

Where there exists the potential to penetrate and disrupt, the Congress must consider the question of

whether or not such preventive action should be available to the FBI.

These matters are currently being addressed by a task force in the Justice Department, including the FBI, and I am confident that Departmental guidelines and controls can be developed in cooperation with pertinent Committees of Congress to insure that such measures are used in an entirely responsible manner.

Probably the most important question here today is what assurances can I give that the errors and abuses which arose under the Counterintelligence Programs will not occur again?

First, let me assure the Committee that some very substantial changes have been made in key areas of the FBI's methods of operations since I took the oath of office as Director on July 9, 1973.

Today we place a high premium on openness -- openness both within and without the service.

I have instituted a program of open, frank discussion in the decision-making process which insures that no future program or major policy decision will ever be adopted without a full and critical review of its propriety.

Participatory management has become a fact in the FBI.

I have made it known throughout our Headquarters and Field Divisions that I welcome all employees, regardless of position or degree of experience, to contribute their thoughts and suggestions, and to voice whatever criticisms or reservations they may have concerning any area of our operations.

The ultimate decisions in the Bureau are mine, and I take full responsibility for them. My goal is to achieve maximum critical analysis among our personnel without in any manner weakening or undermining our basic command structure.

The results of this program have been most beneficial...to me personally...to the FBI's disciplined performance...and to the morale of our employees.

In addition, since some of the mistakes of the past were occasioned by direct orders from higher authorities outside the FBI, we have welcomed Attorney General Edward Levi's guidance, counsel, and his continuous availability -- in his own words -- "as a 'lightning rod' to deflect improper requests."

Within days after taking office, Attorney General Levi instructed that I immediately report to him any

requests or practices which, in my judgment, were improper or which, considering the context of the request, I believed presented the appearance of impropriety.

I am pleased to report to this Committee as I have to the Attorney General that during my nearly two and one-half years as Director under two Presidents and three Attorneys General, no one has approached me or made overtures -- directly or otherwise -- to use the FBI for partisan political or other improper purposes.

I can assure you that I would not for a moment consider honoring any such request.

I can assure you, too, in my administration of the FBI I routinely bring to the attention of the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General major policy questions, including those which arise in my continuing review of our operations and practices. These are discussed openly and candidly in order that the Attorney General can exercise his responsibilities over the FBI.

I am convinced that the basic structure of the FBI today is sound. But it would be a mistake to think that integrity can be assured only through institutional means.

Integrity is a human quality. It depends upon the character of the person who occupies the office of Director and every member of the FBI under him.

I am proud of the 19,000 men and women with whom it is my honor to serve today. Their dedication, their professionalism, their standards, and the self-discipline which they personally demand of themselves and expect of their associates are the Nation's ultimate assurance of proper and responsible conduct at all times by the FBI.

The Congress and the members of this Committee in particular have gained a great insight into the problems confronting the FBI in the security and intelligence fields -- problems which all too often we have been left to resolve without sufficient guidance from the Executive Branch or the Congress itself.

As in all human endeavors, errors of judgment have been made. But no one who is looking for the cause of our failures should confine his search solely to the FBI, or even to the Executive Branch.

The Congress itself has long possessed the mechanism for FBI oversight; yet, seldom has it been exercised.

An initial step was taken in the Senate in 1973 when the Committee on the Judiciary established a Subcommittee on FBI Oversight. Hearings had been

commenced, and we were fully committed to maximum participation with the members of that Subcommittee.

I laud their efforts. However, those efforts are of very recent origin in terms of the FBI's history.

One of the greatest benefits of the study this Committee has made is the expert knowledge you have gained of the complex problems confronting the FBI. But I respectfully submit that those benefits are wasted if they do not lead to the next step -- a step that I believe is absolutely essential -- a legislative charter, expressing Congressional determination of intelligence jurisdiction for the FBI.

Action to resolve the problems confronting us in the security and intelligence fields is urgently needed; and it must be undertaken in a forthright manner. Neither the Congress nor the public can afford to look the other way, leaving it to the FBI to do what must be done, as too often has occurred in the past.

This means too that Congress must assume a continuing role, not in the initial decision-making process but in the review of our performance.

I would caution against a too-ready reliance upon the Courts to do our tough thinking for us. Some proposals that have been advanced during these hearings would extend the role of the Courts into the early stages

of the investigative process and, thereby, would take over what historically have been Executive Branch decisions.

I frankly feel that such a trend, if unchecked, would seriously undermine the independence of the Judiciary and cast them in a role not contemplated by the authors of our Constitution. Judicial review cannot be a substitute for Congressional oversight or Executive decision.

The FBI urgently needs a clear and workable determination of our jurisdiction in the intelligence field, a jurisdictional statement that the Congress finds to be responsive to both the will and the needs of the American people.

Senators, first and foremost, I am a police officer -- a career police officer. In my police experience, the most frustrating of all problems that I have discovered facing law enforcement in this country -- Federal, state, or local -- is when demands are made of them to perform their traditional role as protector of life and property without clear and understandable legal bases to do so.

I recognize that the formulation of such a legislative charter will be a most precise and demanding task.

It must be sufficiently flexible that it does not stifle FBI effectiveness in combating the growing incidence of crime and violence across the United States. That charter must clearly address the demonstrated problems of the past; yet, it must amply recognize the fact that times change and so also do the nature and thrust of our criminal and subversive challenges.

The fact that the Department of Justice has commenced the formulation of operational guidelines governing our intelligence activities does not in any manner diminish the need for legislation. The responsibility for conferring jurisdiction resides with the Congress.

In this regard, I am troubled by some proposals which question the need for intelligence gathering, suggesting that information needed for the prevention of violence can be acquired in the normal course of criminal investigations.

As a practical matter, the line between intelligence work and regular criminal investigations is often difficult to describe. What begins as an intelligence investigation may well end in arrest and prosecution of the subject. But there are some fundamental differences between these

investigations that should be recognized -- differences in scope, in objective and in the time of initiation. In the usual criminal case, a crime has occurred and it remains only for the Government to identify the perpetrator and to collect sufficient evidence for prosecution. Since the investigation normally follows the elements of the crime, the scope of the inquiry is limited and fairly well defined.

By contrast, intelligence work involves the gathering of information, not necessarily evidence. The purpose may well be not to prosecute, but rather to thwart crime or to insure that the Government has enough information to meet any future crisis or emergency. The inquiry is necessarily broad because it must tell us not only the nature of the threat, but also whether the threat is imminent, the persons involved, and the means by which the threat will be carried out. The ability of the Government to prevent criminal acts is dependent on our anticipation of those unlawful acts. Anticipation, in turn, is dependent on advance information -- that is intelligence.

Certainly, reasonable people can differ on these issues. Given the opportunity, I am confident that the continuing need for intelligence work can be documented to the full satisfaction of the Congress. We

recognize that what is at stake here is not the interests of the FBI, but rather the interests of every citizen of this country. We recognize also that the resolution of these matters will demand extensive and thoughtful deliberation by the Congress. To this end, I pledge the complete cooperation of the Bureau with this Committee or its successor in this important task.

In any event, you have my unqualified assurance as Director that we will carry out both the letter and the spirit of such legislation as the Congress may enact.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : J. G. Deegan

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. J. J. McDermott  
(Attn: Mr. L. W. Brady)

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

DATE: 12/23/75

1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

1 - Mr. P. E. Nugent

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In connection with an ongoing project being handled in the IS-1 Section, INTD, wherein Department personnel are reviewing our files concerning Martin Luther King, Jr., and related matters, it is necessary that we have on hand and readily available all sections, including JUNE folders, of the files relating to King and the four other matters noted below for copy designation of this memorandum. These files are quite voluminous ranging from 14 to 162 sections in size.

To facilitate the maintenance of these files in the most practical manner for file review, it is suggested authority be granted for their maintenance on a temporary basis in Room 4077, J. Edgar Hoover Building, and charged to Unit Chief P. E. Nugent.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Upon approval, Records Section, Files and Communications Division, recharge the designated files\* to Mr. Nugent. When the need no longer exists for this special maintenance of these files, appropriate action will be taken to return them to the Records Section.

- 1 - 100-438794 (Cominfil SCLC)
- 1 - 100-442529 (Communist Influence In Racial Matters)
- 1 - 100-3-116 (CP, USA - Negro Question - Communist Influence In Racial Matters)
- 1 - 100-392452 (Stanley David Levison)
- 100-106670

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING  
SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)

FROM : SAC, LAS VEGAS (100-1607) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL COST DATA REVIEW

DATE:

Re Bureau teletype to all SACS dated 12/12/75,  
captioned as above.

The following is Las Vegas cost estimate as to cost  
for survey previously requested of the Bureau concerning  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Yearly Salary</u>	<u>Hours Worked</u>
SA [REDACTED]	13-8	\$28,254	24
Chief Clerk [REDACTED]	9-9	\$17,074	1
Night Clerk [REDACTED]	5-4	\$ 9,819	2
Clerk [REDACTED]	4-2	\$ 8,242	3
Steno [REDACTED]	5-2	\$ 9,223	2

Under item 2 of referenced teletype, Las Vegas had  
no unusual costs.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-106670)  
FROM CHICAGO (100-35356)

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REBUTEL, DECEMBER 9, 1975.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 44-1114.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CIVIL RIGHTS (CODE NAME: MURKIN)"
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THE CHICAGO FILE UNDER THE ABOVE CAPTION, CONSISTS OF A TOTAL OF 24 VOLUMES COMPRISED OF A TOTAL OF 1794 SERIALS. INCLUDED IN THIS MATERIAL ARE EIGHT SUBFILES, A THROUGH H. MAIN CG 44-1114, WHICH CONSISTS OF SIX VOLUMES WITH 819 SERIALS, CONTAINS MATERIAL RELATING TO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO LOCATE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SUB A, WHICH CONSISTS OF SEVEN VOLUMES WITH 18 SERIALS, CONTAINS REPORTS CAPTIONED "JAMES EARL RAY, AKA - FUGITIVE, I.O. 4182, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., - VICTIM, CR -"

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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CONSPIRACY AND UFAC - ROBBERY" AS WELL AS OTHER COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO FUGITIVE INVESTIGATION DURING PERIOD APRIL 18, 1968, TO OCTOBER 2, 1968.

SUB B, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, WITH 274 SERIALS, CONTAINS MEMORANDUMS RELATING TO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, DURING PERIOD APRIL 2, 1968, TO AUGUST 7, 1968.

SUB C, WHICH CONSISTS OF THREE VOLUMES, WITH 423 SERIALS, CONTAINS CHICAGO NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS DURING PERIOD APRIL 11, 1968, TO APRIL 6, 1972, RELATING TO ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SUB D, WHICH CONSISTS OF THREE VOLUMES, WITH 88 SERIALS, ARE BULKY EXHIBITS CONSISTING OF ARREST RECORDS, PHOTOGRAPHS, INTERVIEW LOGS, AIRLINE MANIFEST, FINGERPRINTS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RELATING TO INVESTIGATION OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

SUB E, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, WITH 86 SERIALS, CONTAINS MEMORANDUM, TELETYPES, AIRTELS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THREATS MADE AGAINST DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 17, 1966, TO MAY 2, 1968.

SUB F, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, WITH 17 SERIALS, CONTAINS INFORMATION RELATING TO AN INVESTIGATION OF A SUSPECT IN MURKIN.

SUB G, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME WITH 39 SERIALS, CONSISTS OF FD-302'S (INTERVIEW RESULTS) OF JERRY WILLIAM RAY (BROTHER OF JAMES RAY) AS WELL AS INTERVIEWS OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

SUB H, WHICH CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, WITH 31 SERIALS, SETS FORTH MEMORANDUMS RELATING TO INTERVIEWS OF JERRY WILLIAM RAY RE HIS BROTHER JAMES RAY, AS WELL AS OTHER MISCELLANEOUS DATA.

THERE ARE NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, BULKY EXHIBITS OR ANY SIMILAR MATERIALS IN ADDITION TO ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE DESCRIBED ABOVE.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-35356.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

CONSISTS OF 17 VOLUMES, 2225 SERIALS. SUBFILES OF NEWS CLIPPINGS (EIGHT VOLUMES, 1404 SERIALS) AND ARREST RECORDS FOR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN RIOTS AFTER MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DEATH (10 VOLUMES, 2484 SERIALS).

NO 1A IN FILE, OR BULKY EXHIBITS IN FILE.

MAIN FILE APPEARS TO CONSIST PRIMARILY OF INFORMATION FROM INFORMANTS, CHICAGO AND OTHER OFFICES, NEWS MEDIA AND PD SOURCES, RELATIVE TO DEMONSTRATION, RALLY, PUBLIC APPEARANCE, TRAVEL AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT IN CHICAGO AND ELSEWHERE. NO ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE TAPES, LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS APPARENT. ONLY PHOTOS APPEAR TO BE NEWS MEDIA PHOTOS.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 9-3964.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, [REDACTED] MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., - VICTIM, EXTORTION - RM" (SPRINGFIELD REPORT SEPTEMBER 1, 1966).

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C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

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CONSISTS OF THREE SERIALS, SPRINGFIELD REPORT SETTING OUT THREATS AGAINST KING, PROVIDED CHICAGO AS KING THEN BELIEVED BY SPRINGFIELD TO BE IN CHICAGO. NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION IN CHICAGO. NO 1A SECTION, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, PHOTOGRAPHS OR BULKY EXHIBITS IN FILE.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 44-558.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "J. EARL DOWNS, COMMISSIONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA; REVEREND C.C. MC CLAIN, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, REVEREND HARRY BLAKE, REVEREND WYATT TEE WALKER - VICTIMS"
- C) FILE CONTAINS RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF WYATT TEE WALKER CONDUCTED ON JUNE 12, 1962.

THERE ARE NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOS OR BULKY EXHIBITS IN THE FILE.

FILE CONTAINS SIX SERIALS.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-1152.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "PLANNED CIVIL RIGHTS.

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MARCH FROM SOLDIERS FIELD TO CITY HALL, CHICAGO TO DETROIT,  
LED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., JUNE 26, 1966, RM".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

CONSISTS OF 51 SERIALS, FROM NEWS, CHICAGO PD AND OFFICE  
SOURCES RELATIVE TO MARCH AND ITS AFTERMATH.

NO EXHIBIT SECTION OR BULKY, NO TAPES, LOGS OR  
TRANSCRIPTS.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-661.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITY,  
SUMMER OF 1965, PHILADELPHIA, PA., DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;  
SCLC. RM".

C) CONSISTS OF NINE SERIALS. GENERAL INFO RE ALL OF ABOVE,  
SOURCE AND NEWS MEDIA INFO, OTHER OFFICE COMMUNICATIONS. NO  
1A SECTION, NO BULKY EXHIBITS, LOGS OR TAPES.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-1249.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "MARCH AND RALLY, JULY 31,  
1966, HARVEY, ILLINOIS, FEATURING MARTIN LUTHER, KING, JR.,  
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C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

CONSISTS OF SEVEN SERIALS, ALL RELATIVE TO TITLED MATTER, ROUTINE COMMUNICATION. NO BULKY EXHIBITS, TAPES, SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR PHOTOGRAPHS.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-1414.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "ALLEGATION BY [REDACTED] b7(c)

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C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

CONSISTS OF FIVE SERIALS, ALL RELATIVE TO CAPTIONED MATTER, SUBJECT CALLED OFFICE AND MADE CAPTIONED ALLEGATIONS. NO BULKY OR 1A EXHIBITS, LOGS OR TAPES.

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-1261.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "DEMONSTRATIONS BY CHICAGO FREEDOM MOVEMENT (CFM) - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) RACIAL MATTERS".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

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CONSISTS OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHICAGO DIVISION TO OTHER FIELD OFFICES AND THE BUREAU, RE ACTIVITIES OF CAPTIONED GROUP FROM JULY, 1966, TO SEPTEMBER, 1968.

NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS, AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS PHOTOS OR BULKY EXHIBITS IN FILE. THERE ARE TWO SUB FILES.

SUB B, CONSISTS OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, HAS SIX VOLUMES, 826 SERIALS.

SUB C, CONSISTS OF ARREST RECORDS MADE DURING DEMONSTRATIONS, ONE VOLUME, 148 SERIALS.

1A EXHIBIT, SIX MISCELLANEOUS PAMPHLETS AND 867 SERIALS IN EIGHT VOLUMES.

WIFE:

A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 9-6328.

B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "UNSUB, [REDACTED] b7(c)  
MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., - VICTIM. EXTORTION".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, A TOTAL OF SEVEN SERIALS. THESE INCLUDE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CHICAGO, THE BUREAU AND

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OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS; A REPORT OF THE FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, AND A HANDWRITTEN LETTER PREPARED BY [REDACTED]

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THE FILE CONTAINS NO EXHIBITS, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS OR ARE THERE ANY SUBFILES.

WIFE:

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-659.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RACIAL MATTER".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS DEAD FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME OF 36 SERIALS AND SERVED AS A DEPOSITORY FOR INFORMATION DEVELOPED RE SUBJECT. IT PRIMARILY CONSISTS OF LIVE INFORMANT REPORTS BUT ALSO INCLUDES OFFICE MEMORANDA AND REPORTS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES.

THIS FILE CONTAINS NO EXHIBITS, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS OR ARE THERE ANY SUBFILES.

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**MOTHER:**

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 44-2269.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "MARCUS WAYNE CHENAULT, MRS. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. - VICTIM, EDWARD BOYKINS - VICTIM, JIMMIE MITCHELL - VICTIM".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME, A TOTAL OF 15 SERIALS. IT PRINCIPALLY CONTAINS COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CHICAGO, THE BUREAU AND OTHER FIELD DIVISIONS INCLUDING AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT PREPARED BY CHICAGO. THE 1A SECTION CONTAINS A PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT CHENAULT.

THE FILE CONTAINS NO BULKY EXHIBITS, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS, OR ARE THERE ANY SUBFILES.

**BROTHER:**

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-3535
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "UNSUB; THREAT TO ASSASSINATE ALFRED D. KING - RACIAL MATTER".

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C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME CONTAINING ELEVEN SERIALS. THESE INCLUDE ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CHICAGO, THE BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES.

THE FILE CONTAINS NO EXHIBITS, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS NOR DOES IT HAVE ANY SUBFILES.

BROTHER:

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 157-576.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "REVEREND A.D. WILLIAMS KING, RACIAL MATTERS".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME CONTAINING TWO SERIALS. ONE SERIAL IS A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING AND THE OTHER IS AN AIRTEL FROM ANOTHER OFFICE TO THE BUREAU.

THE FILE CONTAINS NO EXHIBITS, TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS OR TRANSCRIPTS, PHOTOGRAPHS NOR DOES IT HAVE ANY SUBFILES.

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NO INFO ASCERTAINED RE MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., OR  
CHRISTINE KING FARRIS.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 105-16238.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE  
SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. INTERNAL SECURITY-COMMUNIST".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THE CHICAGO MAIN FILE UNDER THE ABOVE CAPTION CONSISTS  
OF 37 VOLUMES COMPRISED OF 3,237 SERIALS. THERE ARE TWO SUBFILES,  
SUB A (EXHIBITS) AND SUB B (NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS). THE SUB A  
FILE CONTAINS NINE ITEMS CONSISTING OF LEAFLETS, CREDIT REPORTS  
AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH SCLC.  
THERE ARE NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRAN-  
SCRIPTS OR BULKY EXHIBITS.

THE MAIN FILE CONSISTS OF REPORTS FROM LIVE INFORMANTS  
AND ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE CHICAGO DIVISION AND  
OTHER DIVISIONS AND/OR THE BUREAU.

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- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-41324.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS. INTERNAL SECURITY - COMMUNIST".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

FILE CONTAINS REPORTS FROM LIVE INFORMANTS AND ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE CHICAGO DIVISION, OTHER FIELD OFFICES AND THE BUREAU.

THERE ARE NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN THE FILE.

↓ THE BULKY EXHIBIT SECTION OF THE FILE CONTAINS A COPY OF THE DRAFT OF A BOOK ENTITLED "PAGES FROM THE LIFE OF A BLACK COMMUNIST" AUTHORED BY CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL BLACK LIBERATION COMMISSION, COMMUNIST PARTY, USA.

188 PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING A MARCH FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ON JUNE 5, 1966.

THE 1A SECTION OF THE FILE CONTAINS SIX DIFFERENT PAMPHLETS OR LEAFLETS CONCERNING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS FILE.

THE FILE CONTAINS 8,453 SERIALS IN 24 VOLUMES.

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- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-40624.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO QUESTION, COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN RACIAL MATTERS, INTERNAL SECURITY-COMMUNIST".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

FILE CONTAINS REPORTS FROM LIVE INFORMANTS AND ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE CHICAGO DIVISION, OTHER FIELD OFFICES AND THE BUREAU.

THERE ARE NO TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS IN THE FILE.

THE 1A SECTION CONTAINS NINE PHOTOGRAPHS OF DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS. EIGHT DIFFERENT PAMPHLETS OR LEAFLETS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS FILE, CONSISTING OF EIGHT VOLUMES AND 861 SERIALS.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE, CG 100-18956.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "CP, USA - NEGRO QUESTION, IS-C".

C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE, CONSISTING OF 12 VOLUMES WITH 5303 SERIALS,

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ACTS AS A DEPOSITORY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNIST PARTY EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE THE NEGRO POPULATION TO THEIR IDEOLOGY. THIS FILE, WHICH ALSO CONTAINS TWO VOLUMES OF 48 EXHIBITS, CONSISTS MAINLY OF INFORMANT REPORTS, LETTERHEAD MEMORANDA, NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS AND ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE. - IT IS ONLY ONE OF MANY SUBFILES RELATING TO OTHER PHASES OF CP ACTIVITY. THERE ARE NO KNOWN TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS OR OTHER SIMILAR MATERIAL IN THIS FILE.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-3373L.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, NEGRO MATTERS, IS - C".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTING OF FOUR VOLUMES WITH 304 SERIALS, IS A REPOSITORY OF INFO CONCERNING CP EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE THE NEGRO PEOPLE TO ITS PROGRAM. THERE ARE ALSO 27 EXHIBITS IN THE FILE RELATING TO THE NEGRO QUESTION. THIS FILE CONSISTS OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS, INFORMANT REPORTS AND ROUTINE COMMUNICATIONS. THERE ARE NO KNOWN TAPES, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE LOGS AND/OR TRANSCRIPTS.

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ASSOCIATES:

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-27367.
- B) TITLE AND CHARTER OF FILE, "STANLEY DAVID LEVISON, IS-C".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE CONSISTS OF ONE VOLUME CONTAINING 85 SERIALS. THESE SERIALS ARE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CHICAGO, THE BUREAU AND OTHER FIELD OFFICES. INFO OBTAINED FROM ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE AND ANONYMOUS SOURCES APPEARS IN THESE SERIALS. THE 1A SECTION OF THE FILE CONTAINS A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SUBJECT.

THE BULKY EXHIBIT SECTION OF THIS FILE (1B1-1B3), CONTAINED INFO OBTAINED THROUGH ANONYMOUS SOURCES AND THE LOGS OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF SUBJECT. ALL MATERIAL IN THE BULKY EXHIBIT SECTION WAS DESTROYED IN 1972.

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REVIEW OF CHICAGO FILE 157-2209, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, BLACK NATIONALIST HATE GROUPS, REVEALED THAT THE CHICAGO DIVISION NEVER SUBMITTED ANY COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROPOSALS CONCERNING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., HIS FAMILY OR THE SCLC UNDER THIS CAPTION.

- A) FIELD OFFICE FILE NUMBER, CG 100-32864.
- B) TITLE AND CHARACTER OF FILE, "COMMUNIST PARTY, USA, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, IS-C".
- C) DESCRIPTION OF FILE CONTENTS:

THIS FILE, CONSISTING OF 3606 SERIALS AND APPROXIMATELY 20 VOLUMES, ACTS AS THE CONTROL FILE OF SUGGESTIONS UNDER THE CI PROGRAM TO DISRUPT AND/OR NEUTRALIZE INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS BELIEVED SEEKING TO DESTROY THIS COUNTRY. FILE

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CONSISTS OF LETTERS AND MEMORANDA CONTAINING SUGGESTED MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THIS PROGRAM. THE FOLLOWING DATA PERTAINS TO CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL:

1. HEADQUARTERS BY LETTER DATED MAY 18, 1967, REQUESTED NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND ATLANTA, SUBMIT FOR CONSIDERATION CI RECOMMENDATIONS RE POSSIBILITY OF KING AND DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK RUNNING ON A "PEACE TICKET" IN 1968 SHOWING THE GENERAL PUBLIC THE COMMUNIST BACKING OF KING AND SPOCK. BY LETTERS DATED MAY 27, 1967, JUNE 1, 1967, AND JUNE 16, 1967, <sup>100-3-104-34-1576</sup> RESPECTIVELY, IN "COINTELPRO" CAPTION, NEW YORK, CHICAGO AND ATLANTA FURNISHED HQ WITH OBSERVATIONS FOR POSSIBLE CI MAINLY USING FRIENDLY NEWSPAPER REPORTERS WHICH WERE NOT TO BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL SUCH A TICKET IS ANNOUNCED.

NO FURTHER ACTION TAKEN.

2. CHICAGO BY AIRTEL DATED MARCH 10, 1966, UNDER <sup>100-3-10-9-556</sup> "COINTELPRO" CAPTION, SUGGESTED CI PROPOSAL AGAINST KING AS A RESULT OF CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT'S (CP LEADER) OWNERSHIP OF TENEMENT DWELLINGS LOCATED IN AREA WHERE KING HAD TAKEN AN APARTMENT AND WAS CONCENTRATING HIS EFFORTS ON SLUM CLEARANCE. CHICAGO

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SUGGESTED FRIENDLY REPORTER INTERVIEW KING SPECIFICALLY CONCERNING LIGHTFOOT'S OWNERSHIP OF SLUM DWELLING WITH POSSIBLE EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS TO KING. WHILE CI EFFORTS WERE CARRIED OUT CONCERNING LIGHTFOOT'S OWNERSHIP OF THESE BUILDINGS, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT EFFORT TO INTERVIEW KING WAS IMPLEMENTED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# Memorandum

TO : Clarence M. Kelley  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: December 12, 1975

FROM : J. Stanley Pottinger  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Martin Luther King case file

This is to inform you, pursuant to Mr. Wannall's request, that Attorney General Levi has specifically authorized my access to tapes, transcripts of tapes and other sensitive information concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his case file.

cc: Raymond Wannall

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Memo J. G. Deegan to  
Mr. W. R. Wannall  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
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 FROM: SAC, JACKSON (100-2301)  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
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*8/20/76*  
*[Signature]*

Re Bureau teletype to All SACs 12/12/75.

The following is cost data being reported by the Jackson Division:

1) [REDACTED], GS-13, Step 8 - 8 hours spent in file review, Special Agent.

SA [REDACTED] GS-13, Step 4 - 8 hours

SA [REDACTED] GS-13, Step 7 - 8 hours

Steno [REDACTED] GS-5, Step 5 - 30 minutes.

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Review took place in December, 1975, however, reason for delay in reporting is that Agent to whom case assigned was on annual leave and involved in civil rights investigation.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JGD/B*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
(Attn: J. S. Peelman)  
DATE: 12/22/75

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan  
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Letter from Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger, Civil Rights Division, to the Director, 12/12/75 (original attached) contained Attorney General's authorization for Pottinger's access to tapes and other materials relating to Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 12/19/75, during the approximate period 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Pottinger listened to tapes and examined transcript and other related materials in secure Bureau space. He was assisted, in addition to INTD personnel, by Supervisor W. D. Campbell of the Laboratory who is the incumbent employee most familiar with the tapes and transcripts.

At the outset, Pottinger stated that the Attorney General wanted him to make the necessary checks to ensure that transcripts are correctly supported by tapes. In making the spot checks which Pottinger chose, he first reviewed a rather thick bound folder which contained the transcript of tapes at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D. C., in January, 1964, and which also contained a letterhead memorandum dated 3/4/64 reporting the events at the Willard, as well as reports of similar coverage at a Los Angeles, California, hotel in early 1964. He next listened to reel number eight of the Willard incident and read portions of the transcript, comparing for accuracy.

At his request, Pottinger read material concerning a Las Vegas incident. Pottinger also scanned transcripts of a New York City incident when King met with Stanley David Levison. Finally, Pottinger scanned the

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transcript of the Los Angeles incident [REDACTED] 676  
[REDACTED] and the transcript of a New York City  
incident [REDACTED] Pottinger  
indicated that he will not want to hear any more tapes.

It should be significantly noted that Pottinger at the outset had indicated a desire to perhaps cross-check a few tapes against transcripts, but after making such a check of the Willard incident he seemed sufficiently satisfied with the accuracy of our work that he did not ask to hear any more tapes.

There also commenced on 12/19/75 the review by two members of Pottinger's staff, James Turner and Robert Murphy, of particularly sensitive material concerning King and related matters which is maintained along with the tapes in my office.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information and record purposes.

Hrs  
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6:32 PM NITEL DECEMBER 22, 1975 RXH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (100-14495)

ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION, BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE DEC. 13, 1975.

COST FACTOR IN CAPTIONED MATTER AT INDIANAPOLIS DIVISIONS IS  
AS FOLLOWS:

1. MANPOWER

[REDACTED] GS 3, STEP 2, TWO HRS.

[REDACTED], GS 4, STEP 3, 3 HRS.

SA [REDACTED], GS 12, STEP 3, 2 1/2 HRS.

SA [REDACTED], GS 13, STEP 5, 5 1/2 HRS.

2. NO UNUSUAL COSTS ENCOUNTERED.

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9:05 PM NITEL 1/6/76 JMW

TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670)

FROM: CLEVELAND (157-293) (RUC)

ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUTEL, DECEMBER 10, 1975.

1. MANPOWER:

b7(c) NAME	GRADE	SALARY STEP	HOURS SPENT
[REDACTED]	14	6	2
[REDACTED]	11	4	2
[REDACTED]	13	5	2
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2. UNUSUAL COSTS: NONE

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670)

(ATTN: INTD)

FROM: SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)  
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL  
REVIEW, COST DATA.

RE BUREAU NITEL DEC. 12, 1975.

1.) MANPOWER. CLERICAL: SPECIAL CLERK [REDACTED] b7C  
GRADE 5, STEP 5, 2 HOURS; SPECIAL CLERK [REDACTED], GRADE 5, STEP  
10, .5 HOURS; SECRETARY [REDACTED] GRADE 5, STEP 5, 2 HOURS;  
SECURITY CLERK [REDACTED] GRADE 4, STEP 4, 2 HOURS. SPECIAL  
AGENTS: [REDACTED] GRADE 13, STEP 5, 7 HOURS; [REDACTED]  
GRADE 12, STEP 2, 17 HOURS; SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] GRADE 14,  
STEP 1, 10 HOURS.

2.) UNUSUAL COST: NONE.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DENVER (100-12432)

ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE  
DIVISION.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA.

REBUTEL DECEMBER 12, 1975.

1. SA [REDACTED] GRADE 12, STEP 2, SPENT A  
TOTAL OF 3 1/2 HOURS ON THIS MATTER.

2. NO UNUSUAL COSTS INCURRED.

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## In Defense of Hoover

To the Editor:

I write this with due respect to express my disagreement with the general tone and the inferences of your Nov. 27 editorial "The King Review." I question especially the fairness and, indeed, inherent accuracy of the sentence, "The very least one can wonder, considering the late F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover's feelings about Dr. King, is whether he could have put his agency's whole heart into the investigation of the assassination."

This charge sharply contrasts with your own judgment of only a little over three and a half years ago, when you wrote in your farewell editorial: "Mr. Hoover built, by sheer personal strength, a clean and highly effective agency, with trained and devoted personnel and some of the finest crime detection facilities in the world."

The case of J. Edgar Hoover vs. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is now tried before a Senate committee (which chose to place its own counsels on the witness stand to prove its point) and especially by the media. Both tribunals are supplying an overabundance of data for their indictment of the late Mr. Hoover. They confine themselves, however, to vague hints in their revelations of what Dr. King had contributed to the proceedings to provoke such wrath on Hoover's part and warrant such extraordinary steps.

Not unless the whole story is told in blunt detail will Americans be able to resolve objectively who was right or wrong in the tragic controversy, and whether there were any extenuating circumstances, not to acquit Mr. Hoover, to be sure, but to view his actions in better light and balance.

LADISLAS FARAGO  
 Bridgewater, Conn., Nov. 28, 1975  
 Mr. Farago is writing a biography of J. Edgar Hoover.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (100-35356)

ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

RE BUTEL DECEMBER 12, 1975, CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

1. MANPOWER: [REDACTED] GRADE 13, STEP 9,

TIME SPENT, EIGHT HOURS; [REDACTED] GRADE 13, STEP 9,

TIME SPENT, EIGHT HOURS; [REDACTED] GRADE 13, STEP 6,

TIME SPENT TEN HOURS; [REDACTED] GRADE 13, STEP 7,

TIME SPENT SIX HOURS; [REDACTED] GRADE 13, STEP 8,

TIME SPENT 12 HOURS AND [REDACTED] GRADE 13, STEP 8,

TIME SPENT, 10 HOURS. REC-38

2. NO UNUSUAL COST INCURRED.

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See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Jenkins

DATE: 12/12/75

FROM : E. W. Walsh

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,  
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Anticipated Departmental and Congressional inquiries necessitate that cost data be compiled on captioned matter.

In this connection, there is attached a nitel to all SAC's requesting that initial reports showing name, grade and step, and hours worked by each employee who worked on this matter, along with unusual costs incurred, be submitted by December 31, 1975, and that additional reports be submitted by the fifth workday of each month starting with February 1976. A number of FBIHQ Divisions have also participated in this matter, and it is necessary that they accumulate costs. A copy of the nitel is designated for each Assistant Director.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the attached nitel to all SAC's with copy to each Assistant Director be sent.

2. That all FBIHQ Divisions which incur costs in this matter submit cost data reports to the Budget and Accounting Section in accordance with the attached nitel.

## Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 1 - Mr. Feeney
- 1 - Each Assistant Director
- 1 - Mr. Brixey

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12/12/75

TO ALL SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

105-106670-39X  
REBUTEL 12/9/75. IN ORDER THAT COSTS INCURRED IN  
CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER MAY BE COMPILED, YOU ARE REQUESTED  
TO FURNISH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. MANPOWER: THE NAME, GRADE AND SALARY STEP, AND HOURS SPENT BY EACH EMPLOYEE WHO WORKED ON THIS MATTER.
2. UNUSUAL COSTS: ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-THE-ORDINARY COSTS. THESE COSTS SHOULD BE ITEMIZED AND THE COST OF EACH ITEM SHOWN SEPARATELY.

ALL REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU, ATTENTION BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION. INITIAL REPORT IS DUE DECEMBER 31, 1975. FUTURE REPORTS ARE DUE BY THE FIFTH WORKDAY OF EACH MONTH, STARTING WITH FEBRUARY 1976.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan - sent direct
- 1 - Mr. Jenkins - sent direct
- 1 - Mr. Adams - sent direct
- 1 - Each Assistant Director - sent direct
- 1 - Mr. Brixey - sent direct

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NOTE: Nitel being sent due to anticipated Departmental and Congressional inquiries re cost of this matter.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. R. Wannall *W/R*

FROM : J. G. Deegan *JGD/8*

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall  
DATE: 12/16/75  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

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DECLASSIFIED BY *SP-3 DB/DC*  
ON *6/25/80*

This informative memorandum to record for the file discussion held 12/15/75 by [REDACTED] b7(c) Intelligence Division, with Robert Murphy, Criminal Section Chief, Civil Rights Division of the Department, concerning a project underway involving Departmental review of King and related files.

Inasmuch as we have canvassed all field offices, at the Department's request, for inventories of pertinent files, inquiry was made of Murphy as to whether or not the Department visualized some time reviewing field files. He stated that this might occur but, if so, it would likely be on a limited basis. For example, Departmental personnel might visit some key offices such as Atlanta and New York.

Attempt was made by [REDACTED] b7(c) to obtain some assessment as to how long this project would continue. Murphy advised that early next week, definitely before Christmas, the Civil Rights Division will furnish the Attorney General a status report which will emphasize the enormity of the task given them if all relevant files were actually to be reviewed. It is intended that the Attorney General be told that it is impossible for the limited number of personnel now assigned to this project (three individuals, including Assistant Attorney General Pottinger), to complete the task of reviewing all serials in all files unless they were given years to do so. Murphy visualized the possibility that the Attorney General might assign a staff of attorneys who would work on the file review for several months.

Because the Department requested as the first file to be reviewed that of King's former close advisor, Stanley David Levison, [REDACTED] inquired as to the reason for the

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Memorandum to Mr. W. R. Wannall  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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b7(c) Department's extreme interest in this particular file and how it is visualized that the Levison investigation would have any bearing on the completeness of our investigation of the assassination of King. Murphy responded that its interest in the Levison case stems only from their interest in insuring we originally had a firm basis for the King investigation. Their interest is also tied in with an earlier suspicion that Levison might have been a Bureau informant. (This matter was covered in a prior memorandum reporting Pottinger's inquiry on this point and [REDACTED] dispelling any such thought to Pottinger.) Murphy indicated that if and when tapes are to be listened to, it is their intention that it be done only by Pottinger. [S]

Murphy was advised that because the Department's original request in this matter dated 12/4/75 asked for inventories "in your field offices," we had canvassed only field offices, to the exclusion of Legats. He was told of our procedure on file destruction by Legats, but that there might be some material in some Legats' offices, particularly in Mexico City. He indicated that for the time our canvass of field offices only is sufficient and that we should take no action as to inventorying Legats' offices.

Finally, Murphy was briefed concerning certain material in our files in late 1963 and early 1964 which refer to some differences between Mr. Hoover and the the then Domestic Intelligence Division on the King and related investigations. Murphy was told that some of Mr. Hoover's remarks written into the files were of a sarcastic nature and for a full understanding he should be aware of the atmosphere then existing between Hoover and then Assistant Director William C. Sullivan. in that they apparently disagreed on the interpretation of communist RECOMMENDATION: influences in racial matters.

None. For information and record purposes.

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Date: 1/2/76

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(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-57235) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to all SAC's dated 12/12/75.

Per Bureau instructions, the following information  
is set forth:I. Manpower: the name, grade and step and hours spent  
by each employee who worked on this matter:

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- A) [REDACTED] Grade 14, Step 3, hours spent 4.
  - B) [REDACTED] Grade 11, Step 4, hours spent 4.
  - C) [REDACTED] Grade 12, Step 1, Hours Spent 4.
  - D) [REDACTED] Grade 12, Step 3, hours spent 4.
  - E) [REDACTED] Grade 12, Step 3, hours spent 8.
  - F) [REDACTED] Grade 11, Step 4, hours spent 30.
  - G) [REDACTED] Grade 4, Step 3, hours spent 3.
  - H) [REDACTED] Grade 5, Step 5, hours spent 1½

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I. [REDACTED] Grade 5, Step 4, hours spent 1½.

J. [REDACTED] Grade 4, Step 2, Hours spent 1.

II. Unusual Costs:

None.

Delay in submitting the above due to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Date: 12/31/75

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING  
SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (100-5586) (C)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel to all SACs, 12/12/75.

The following is the initial summary of costs incurred by the Atlanta Office in connection with captioned matter up to 12/31/75:

EMPLOYEE'S NAME	GRADE	SALARY	HOURS REG. O/T	TOTAL	MILES	OTHER COSTS
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Special Agents

b7(c) [REDACTED]	GS-13	\$23,670.	22 --	22	--	--
[REDACTED]	GS-11	\$17,881.	4 --	4	--	--
[REDACTED]	GS-13	\$29,782.	24	24	--	--

Stenographers

b7(c) [REDACTED]	GS-4	\$ 8,242.	3 --	3	--	--
[REDACTED]	GS-5	\$ 8,925.	6 --	6	--	--

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<u>EMPLOYEE'S NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>HOURS REG. O/T</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>OTHER COSTS</u>
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Clerks

[REDACTED]	GS-5	\$10,117.	6 --	6	--	--
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[REDACTED]	GS-5	\$ 9,819.	1 --	1	--	--
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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (66-2137) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
COST DATA

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Re Bureau teletype to All SACs, dated 12/12/75.

The following are the manpower and unusual costs incurred as of 12/31/75, in connection with this matter:

## 1. MANPOWER:

Name	Grade and Salary Step	Hours Worked
SA [REDACTED]	13, Step 3	7
SA [REDACTED]	13, Step 8	8
SA [REDACTED]	13, Step 5	5
SA [REDACTED]	13, Step 7	5
b7(c) SA [REDACTED]	11, Step 4	4
SA [REDACTED]	13, Step 8	9
Steno [REDACTED]	5, Step 4	1
Clerk [REDACTED]	5, Step 8	1
Clerk [REDACTED]	5, Step 1	1

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1 - Buffalo  
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2. UNUSUAL COSTS:

None.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATTN: Budget and Accounting Sec.  
Adm Dir.)  
FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-13767)

DATE: 12/20/75

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel, dated 12/12/75.

There is listed below the names of the Special Agents who were used in the review, together with their grade and salary step and the amount of time they expended on this project to date:

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[REDACTED]	GS 13-8	3 hours
[REDACTED]	GS 13-8	4 hours
[REDACTED]	GS 13-2	4 hours
[REDACTED]	GS 11-4	1 hour

There were no unusual costs.

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- (2) - Bureau (RM) / detached B+Q Sec.  
1 - Minneapolis  
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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670) *see file*  
 ATTN: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
 ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4105) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW  
 COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel to all SACs dated 12/12/75.

The following manpower was utilized on captioned matter by the Memphis Office during the period 12/1-31/75:

MANPOWER

b7(c) SA [REDACTED] Grade 13 step 9 \$29,018.00 7 hrs.  
 SA [REDACTED] " " " " " " 7 hrs.  
 [REDACTED] Grade 5 step 5 \$10,117.00 4 hrs.  
 [REDACTED] Grade 4 step 2 \$ 8,242.00 1 hr.

UNUSUAL COSTS - None.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
(ATT: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SEC., ADMINISTRATIVE DIV.)  
FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-18761) (RUC)

DATE: 12/29/75

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW,  
COST DATA

Re Bureau nitel, 12/12/75.

The following is a summation of manpower involved in the subject file reviews as requested in referenced nitel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade And Salary Step</u>	<u>Hours Employed</u>
[REDACTED]	Grade 4, Step 2	1/2 hr.
[REDACTED]	Grade 4, Step 2	1/2 hr.
[REDACTED]	Grade 4, Step 1	1/2 hr.
[REDACTED]	Grade 5, Step 4	1 hr.
[REDACTED]	Grade 11, Step 3	16 hrs.

No unusual or out of the ordinary cost.

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1 - Albany  
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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)  
 ATTENTION: BUDGET AND ACCOUNTING SECTION,  
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FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (100-7259) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
 DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW, COST DATA

ReButel, 12/12/75.

Following cost data submitted per referenced  
 teletype:

## I. Manpower

SA [REDACTED]

Grade 13, Step 9 - 5 hours

Grade 5, Step 4 - 40 minutes

Grade 4, Step 5 - 20 minutes

## II. Unusual Costs

None

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